

framework, Germany can play a role commensurate with her resources," M. Bidault added. "There is no possible intermediary between Germany and Europe other than France herself. Europe can only be reassured by France."

M. Bidault then defended the following guarantees on Germany:

- 1.—The occupation to be eventually limited to the Rhenish provinces.
- 2.—A limitation or prohibition of certain industries.
- 3.—An international regime for the Ruhr, with a reliable distribution of Ruhr coal. Ruhr coal was a European source of wealth which must be exploited for the benefit of Europe.

Under a federal Germany and an effectively controlled Ruhr, "which were essential conditions of our security," he said, "that we enjoyed that part of Germany for which we are responsible to live. Our duty is to achieve the permanent objectives of French policy with the means at our disposal and the four-power agreement, to be reached by means of a common policy between the three other governments and we shall try to harmonize it with the United States and Great Britain."

M. Bidault said that on important British and the United States diverged from France in their views on Germany. A declaration of intent would take place in London and if a tripartite agreement could be reached, it would remain to reach agreement between the four powers.

In an earlier reference to the League of Nations, the United Nations organization, the French Foreign Minister said some remarks might appear to be showing an eastern horizon, and if this sentiment was correct, no German would be more satisfied than France.

M. Bidault said that Marshal Bidault was vital to the welfare of Europe and the maintenance of peace in the West.

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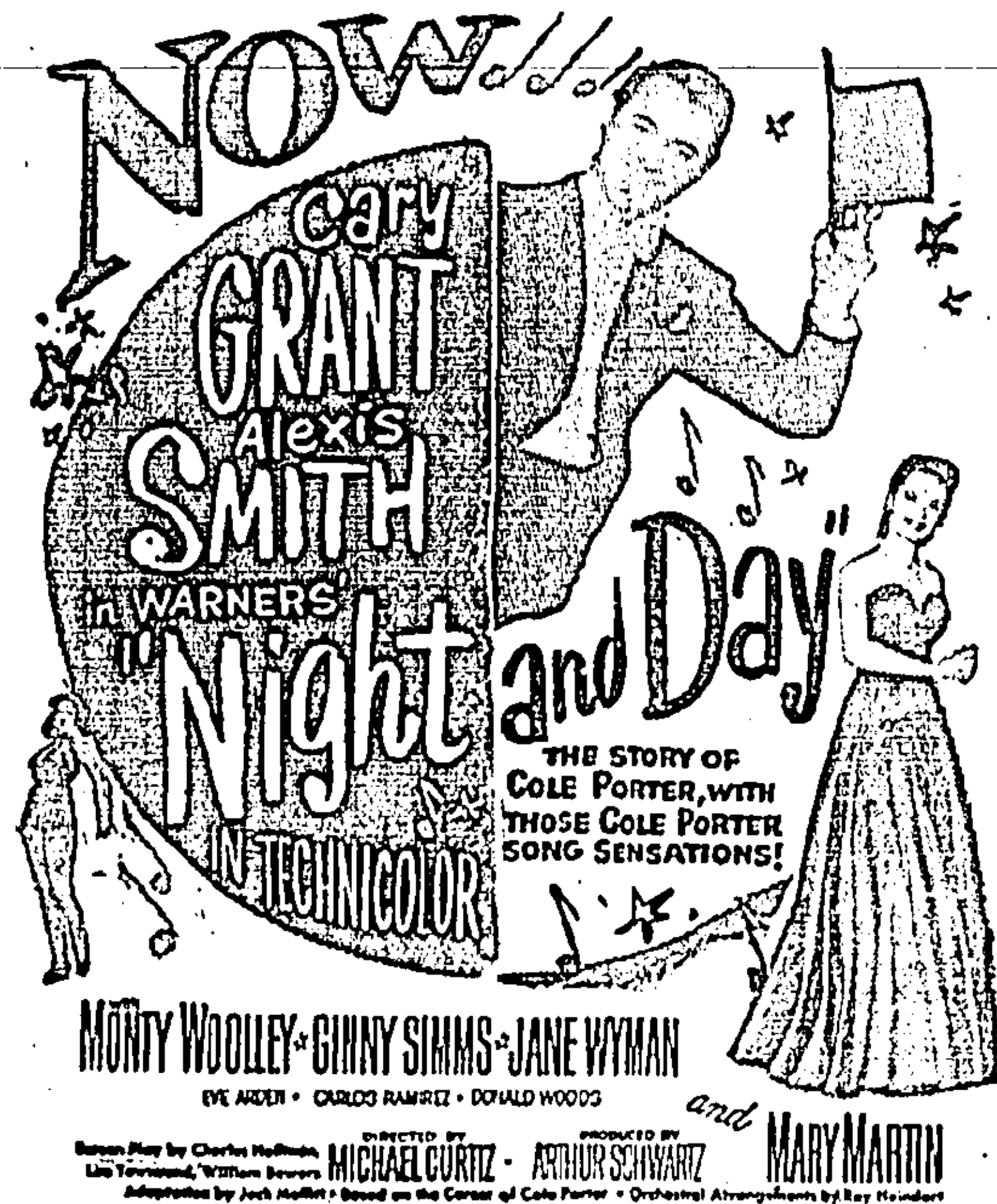
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SHIRLEY TEMPLE BECAME A MOTHER ON JANUARY 30, WHEN
LINDA SUSAN WAS BORN. IN THIS ARTICLE, HER HUSBAND,
JOHN AGAR, REVEALS A FEW FACTS ABOUT THEIR DOMESTIC LIFE**LIFE WITH
SHIRLEY**

ONE of the first things my wife and I agreed on before we were married was that we should have a community of interest. That's why I gave up a promising career in business with my family's Chicago meat-packing company to become an actor. The girl I married—Shirley Temple—has been an actress all her life. With both of us acting, we'll have more in common. Packing meat always seemed to be rather dull anyway.

Then there's the matter of leading a normal family life. In the two years we've been married, we haven't had a fight. The closest we ever came to it was over golf, when I got interested in the game and was spending more than the right amount of time on it. We reached that crisis by a logical compromise—no golf on Sundays, and Shirley is learning the game by going along with me on Saturdays.

Another thing of mutual interest is the fact that Shirley and I have made a picture together—my first and her thirty-second. We play the romantic leads in "War Party," a story of the American frontier right after the Civil War. In the picture, I play the part of a young West Pointer, while Shirley is the daughter of a frontier post commander.

ON LOCATION

TO make the picture, the studio sent a whole cast and crew, including Shirley and myself, to the Navajo Indian country near Sedona, Arizona. It was my first experience in the workings of movie-making. But more interesting than that were the 55,000 Indians who came down from the Navajo Reservation to take part in the big battle scenes in the picture. I found that the Indians were old hands at appearing in films. In fact, for almost a quarter of a century, Hollywood picture factories have been locationing big outdoor scenes in Arizona, and the Indians look upon film companies as a source of revenue second only to occasional work on the nearby Santa Fe Railroad.

Shirley and I spent many of our leisure hours visiting these interesting people, who are really primitive artists. In their homes, whole families from small children to grandparents busy themselves with making useful articles such as colorful rugs, pottery, sand pictures and jewellery—particularly jewel-

lery, for the Navajos are noted silversmiths, shipping their products all over the world.

When one family we visited found that we were to become a father and mother ourselves, they presented us with one of those papoose rings the Indian mothers carry their offspring in. Shirley and I accepted in the grave manner it was presented.

Shirley thinks as I do that if the baby eventually becomes interested in acting, we'll do everything we can to help. But the important thing in our baby's life is its own preference. Whatever it wants to do career-wise, we'll be backing it one-hundred percent.

HAPPY TOGETHER

THERE'S only one consideration we give about the child's going into motion pictures—will it be bad for him in any way? Shirley says it hasn't hurt her in any way, and I agree. Just the same, we'll weigh all the factors carefully when the time comes.

Meanwhile, we're just trying to be an average domestic type family and observe the rules of family life. We visit Shirley's brother and his wife and play bridge. We also observe be-kind-to-in-laws and visit them frequently. Occasionally we have an evening out for dancing, and Shirley keeps a firm hand on our budget.

In other words, we're happy together as we plan a long future for our family.

**Comic wins another
million or so**

By PAULA WALLING

HOLLYWOOD.

WEALTHY comedian Harold Lloyd has become even wealthier: he won his plagiarism suit against Universal Pictures.

Lloyd first sued this studio in 1945 over three of his old comedies, "Welcome Danger," "Professor Beware" and "The Freshman."

He claimed that Universal had lifted sequences bodily out of these three films, and used them in its modern production, "The Great Dictator."

At that time, Lloyd declared confidently: "I ought to get at least a million dollars."

The comedian's lawyer refused to name the exact sum that his client has received.

He added: "It was the largest payment ever made in a plagiarism suit in the United States."

Multi-millionaire Lloyd is happy.

BRITISH actor Leo Genn (who played the Constable of France in Oliver's Henry V) appears to be settling in Hollywood.

Genn, who made "Mourning Becomes Electra" for RKO, is now co-starring with Rosalind Russell in the velvet "Fanny" and his wife Marguerite Bonner (she is the writer) is joining him here soon.

LESTER COWAN'S adaptation of the Broadway musical, "One Touch of Genius," will be filmed after Dinah Shore's baby arrives.

**Her Husband's
Affair**

"Her Husband's Affair," which is the next change at the King's Theatre, is a merry farce of marital mix-ups. Franchot Tone, as the husband, and Lucille Ball, as his better half, are involved in some of the funniest situations in many a movie moon.

The film pokes fun at people in the advertising business and their stop-at-nothing attempts to sell the public on new products. The dialogue is breezy and flippant, the acting by the stars and a well-chosen supporting cast unusually good.

Edward Everett Horton plays a principal supporting part, while Larry Parks, who recently climbed to fame in "The Joker," takes a "bit" part as a famous film star trying out a new product—with astounding results!

THE Frank Sinatra band expecting their third child in June.

BETTY GRABLE, whom I saw dining at a restaurant with her husband, Harry James, in the best dressed woman I have ever seen. Betty was wearing a dress of ivory brocade with a narrow skirt just below normal daylight length. The neckline of the dress was so low that it was impossible to see what she was wearing underneath. The dress was so tight that it was impossible to see what she was wearing underneath. The dress was so tight that it was impossible to see what she was wearing underneath.



Shirley and husband have a chat between scenes of their first motion picture together.

**Kid from
Brooklyn
tells how
he did it**

BY DAVID LEWIN

LONDON. DANNY KAYE, 35-year-old Wonder Man of American show business, came to London with a smile, a mop of curly hair, and a pair of expressive hands.

It is the hands you notice first: long, thin, and tapering to well-manicured fingernails. Add a mobile face and an agile wit and you have the reason why Kaye will one day be the world's No. 1 clown.

He uses these assets to put over his scat songs, and to emphasise his tags. He says: "They are my props. They speak a language any audience can understand."

Satiric Songs

Kaye's art is pantomime. He learned it the hard way playing to audiences who had no English in the Far East. It took him a long time to be discovered in the early 'thirties he was in a cabaret act at a London hotel. No one knew him.

In America he toured the seaside resorts, and worked in hotels keeping the guests happy when it was wet outside.

He says: "I'm still doing just that today." The only difference is that for the past eight years Kaye has been doing it for more than £2,000 a week in U.S. variety shows, cabarets, and films.

In London, at the Palladium, he will put over the satiric songs from his pictures "Up in Arms," "Wonder Man," and "The Kid From Brooklyn."

His wife, Sylvia, whom he married in 1938, writes some of his numbers. SAMPLE: This burlesque of a Hollywood film's credit titles:—

Art direction, Finklepuff.
Interiors, Minerva Buff.
Photography, Alonzo Tek.
Recorded sound, Ozneedle Beck.

Upholstery by Zachary.
Kestelknuckery by Thackery.
Antiphony by Dickery.
And Dickery by Dock.

He sings it in gradually increasing tempo. How is it done? According to Kaye it is too simple. He has a wonderful memory, hard words don't worry him, and he can force his voice to do anything from a baritone to a tenor, and almost up to top C for a coloratura soprano.

Like Work

Thrown in for the same price is an ability to switch into crooning Russian, excited Italian, or aristocratic English.

Kaye likes work, revels in his newly won luxury of a home in Hollywood and an apartment in New York, fondles his hand-made silk suit, and remembers he really is the kid who came from Brooklyn, whose father was a Russian-born garment worker.

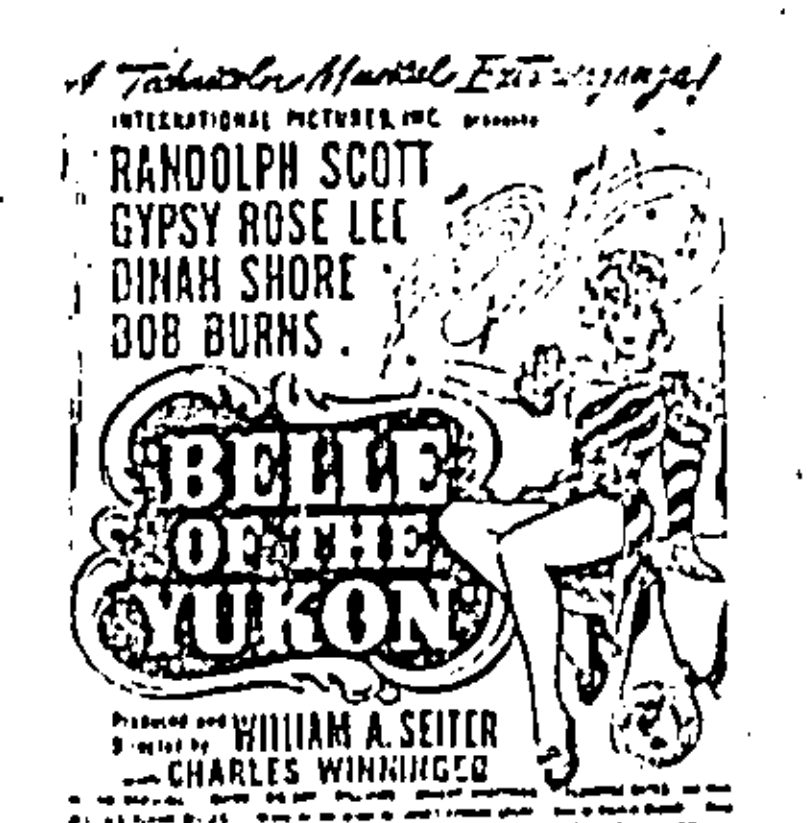
He admits his wife has helped him to get to the top, and says: "Sylvia has a fine head on my shoulders."

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ALHAMBRA—She Wants to Marry (Chinese picture, stars Li Li-hua).
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In accordance with the decision of the Air Council in 1945, Battle of Britain Day is fixed for September 15, and this year the RAF "At Home" day will fall on September 18. Battle of Britain Sunday will be September 19.

It has been customary for RAF training to culminate in a "fly-past" over London on Battle of Britain Day, and colour-hoisting parades have been a feature of the ceremonial on this day. Last year more than 70 RAF Stations invited the public to visit them on the "At Home" day. Plans for this year will be announced in due course.

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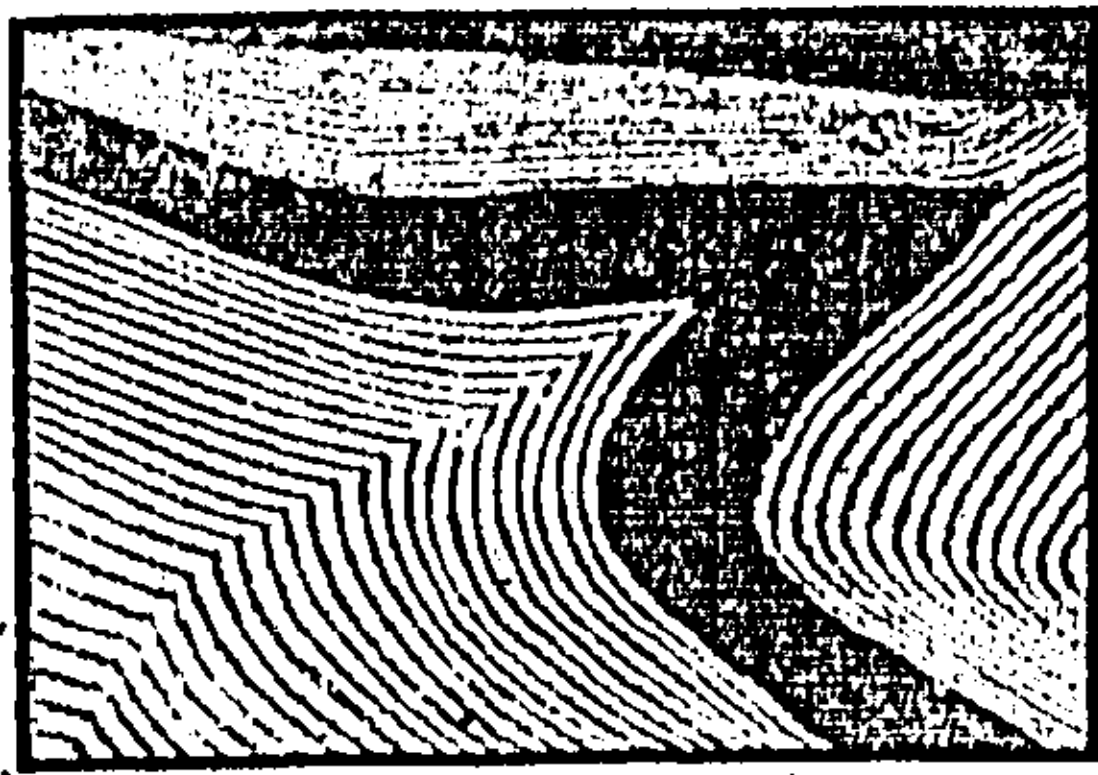
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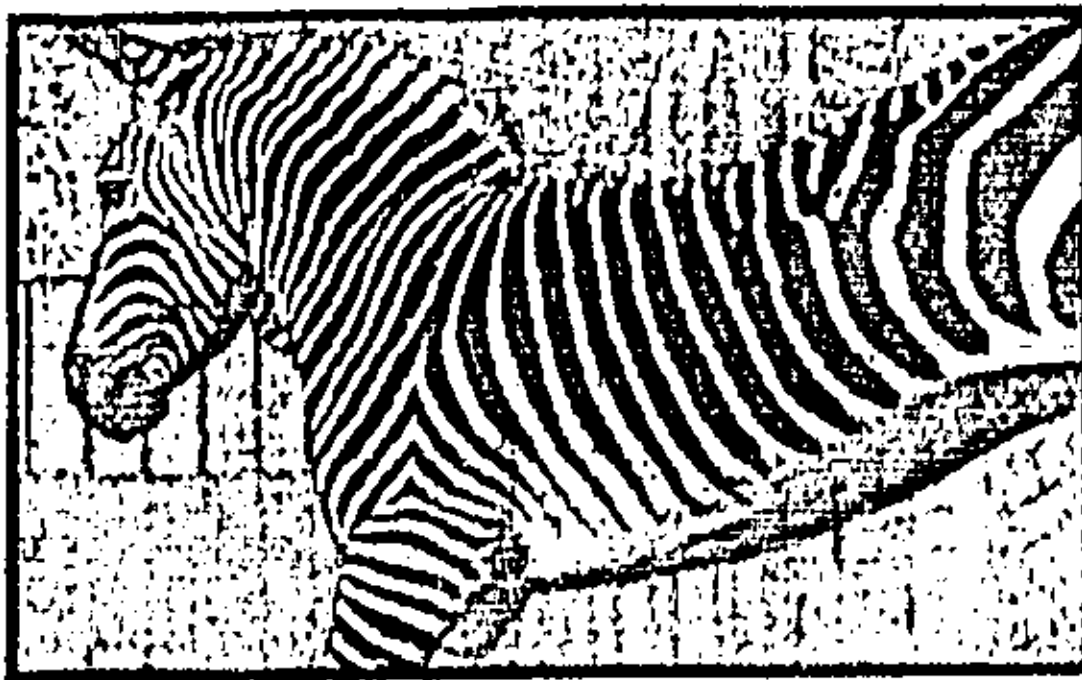
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Come to think of it—

It IS rather like the zebra...



CONTOUR PLOUGHING



MY brother, who is an agricultural engineer, called on me the other day to ask if I'd any old swords. When I inquired what he wanted them for he said: "To turn into ploughshares, of course."

I didn't have a sword because we never used them in the R.A.F., but I asked him to tell me more, and this is what he said:

Unknown to most townsmen, there is a serious famine in Britain just now—a famine in ploughshares. Ploughing is being held up all over the place because farmers can't get shares. It is worse than the shortage of razor blades during the war.

The drought has made the ground so hard that ploughshares are wearing out twice as fast as they should. Instead of lasting several days they are often done for in a few hours.

"That's where the swords come in," my brother said. "Fellow like myself are doing something that would have been laughed at before the war. We are repairing worn out shares by welding on bits of old motor-car springs and anything else we can find."

"Swords would be ideal. There is enough good steel in one sword to rebuild half a dozen ploughshares and make them better than when they were new."

I hope he gets his swords. He will then be in the same class as the farmer at Boston, Lines, who has built himself an eight-furrow plough from an old Sherman tank. It's the Nobel Peace Prize.

IT CAME TRUE

THE original prophecy that men would one day beat their swords into ploughshares was made, if you remember, by Isaiah. The Americans say that it first came true at Grand Detour, Illinois, in 1877 when a retired major fitted a sword to his plough because the ground was too hard to shift with a share made of wood.

This may set you wondering who invented ploughs in the first place. Archaeologists believe they were thought of somewhere in Central Asia, and the first ones were not drawn by oxen but by people.

We've advanced a lot since then. In 1637 a farmer in Woodbury, Tennessee, hitched his wife to a plough, and his outraged neighbours had him prosecuted. That's one centenary the Americans won't celebrate.

With two horses and a single-furrow plough a man can do about six acres a day. With a tractor and a three-furrow plough an acre an hour is a fair average.

This is in England. In America, as you'd expect, they do things on a bigger scale. There's a man called Luther Newsum, in Texas, who has a nightmare apparatus that makes 70 furrows at once and turns up 14 acres an hour.

Another American development is a built-in radio on the tractor to relieve the monotony, and a hot-water system to keep the ploughman's feet warm.

JESTS AND JIBBERS

A lady is a woman who makes it easy for a man to be a gentleman.

The New Look so far hasn't caught on in Hongkong. It isn't material!

The only people who like others to stick their nose into their business are the handkerchief makers.

A man doesn't buy his wife a fur coat to keep her warm but to keep her pleasant.

The world is full of willing people—some willing to work, the rest willing to let them.

The most famous painters of women are the women themselves.

Men can remain bachelors by keeping out of arm's way.

Money doesn't grow on trees, but limbs have a way of attracting it.

"I'll give you twenty dollars if you'll let me paint you," said the artist to an old mountaineer. "There ain't no question about that," the old man replied, "I was just wondering how I'd get the paint off afterwards."

IT'S FUN FINDING OUT by BERNARD WICKSTEED

You must pardon me for referring to Americans so often, but you can't escape from them when you write about ploughing. In the last hundred years or so they have become the world's greatest ploughmen.

DUST BOWL

IN 1920 they ploughed up 30,000,000 acres a year. Today the figure is 350,000,000. (Great Britain 18,500,000.) At one time they were so crazy about ploughing that they ruined millions of acres that should have been left as they were.

The result was the famous Dust Bowl, which you'll know about if you've seen or read "The Grapes of Wrath." Land that had been held together for centuries by the grass that grew on it crumbled into dust when it was ploughed. The Americans are now slowly winning the Dust Bowl back. One of the methods they employ is the system known as contour ploughing. It is really as old as agriculture itself, but a lot of them think it new. In fact, there is one American who claims to have invented it after studying the stripes of a zebra.

If you happen to have a zebra handy take a look at it and you will see the idea. The stripes are not always straight up and down as you

might think. They follow the animal's contours.

I don't know what good this does to the zebra. Perhaps it helps out the camouflage. But when the same principle is applied to ploughing it conserves the moisture and checks erosion.

I did some ploughing once. I ploughed a hundred acres of Australia. There was an advertisement for a ploughman in the local paper. I'd never done any ploughing before, but I thought it looked easy and as I was the only person to apply for the job I got it.

The plough I had to use wasn't the best type for a beginner. It made ten furrows at once and was pulled by nine horses. At least they were supposed to pull it, but none of them would do what I told them. They spent most of their time getting tangled up in the plough chains.

When I'd finished the farmer said he could have done the job better and quicker himself with a spade.

REMOTE CONTROL

HOWEVER, the days of that sort of ploughing are numbered. A new era was ushered in at Potters Bar the other day when they ploughed up a field by radio.

All the ploughman did was to sit in the control van, and press buttons. No horses, no smell of petrol, no biting winds down the neck of the neck. Just an easy chair and a lot of knobs.

All of which brings us back to where we started—the peaceful employment of weapons of war. For the radio set on the plough was adapted from one used by the R.A.F.

THE GIRLS IN THE BACK PARLOUR

Edward C. Aspley on a probe of Sydney pubs



THERE aren't many areas left in Sydney now where you can't find the girls "in the back room"—the women who drink in dingy hotel lounges, alone or in groups, throughout the metropolitan area.

It's one of the city's oddest social angles and one of the strongest indictments of absurd and dangerous drinking practices in Australia.

It's a cult already becoming common among all classes of women.

There are the sophisticates and suburbanites, the well-groomed women with plenty of money, the down-at-heel housewife or factory girl who has to scrimp on necessary things for her moments of tawdry pleasure with a glass or two of beer in a ladies' parlour, or a "fourpenny dark" in a wine-bar.

There's a hotel out Paddington way—where the licensee claims with some justification to dispense the best draught ale in Sydney.

It has a tiny ladies' parlour—always overcrowded, always thick with smoke. There's scarcely room to get between the tables.

AFTERNOONS are the busiest periods, housewives the bulk of the clientele.

They go straight to the pub from their shopping, unwrap the parcels on the tables, get out their vegetable knives and set to work. Potatoes are peeled, peas shelled, beans stringed, meat prepared.

When school comes out, their children arrive. It's a long-standing custom.

The prepared food is wrapped up again, given to the kids, with the necessary instructions.

"Use the big saucepan... on the slow gas... couple of pinches of salt in the water... don't forget to take it off at quarter-past-five..."

And then the women settle down to more beer and more gossip until it's time to get their husbands' dinners ready. Sometimes it coincides with 6 o'clock.

Let us take a quick look at a few other places. We can visit Manly, where shopping baskets and string-bags in hotel lounges are almost as numerous as pieces of furniture.

Or Double Bay, where there is a bright and cheerful beer garden as well as a rather claustrophobic ladies' parlour right in the heart of the shopping centre; where sophistication and sopsuds rub shoulders, where the "old hands" still cling tenaciously to the dingy parlour because the beer garden is "too new-fangled".

Or Cronulla, where feverish faces cluster three-deep around a small serving-hatch when the rumour spreads that "the beer's going off," and where most of the women customers generally favour schooners.

One afternoon I saw a middle-aged woman get through seven schooners in an hour and five minutes.

She loudly expressed her disgust when the serving-hatch was closed at 5.35 p.m., and hurriedly sought out a man friend to get her another couple of schooners at the public bar before closing time!

In some degree, the same thing is happening throughout Sydney. Publicans and barmaids agree that the number of women "regulars" is steadily increasing.

In some hotels newcomers are finding it almost impossible to get a seat.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You go down and tell them how late it is—I remember I used to go home wishing I could take a sock at your father!"

Smoking Four doctors listen to the heartbeats of 48 people in ambitious does-it-harm-me test

UNTIL recently doctors asked for an opinion on the effects of smoking have had to rely on the evidence in scattered reports of experiments with nicotine on animals. Now their advice can have a sounder backing.

A team of American doctors has now reported on a full-scale inquiry into the effects of tobacco on the human body. Four front-rank physiologists using the most modern instru-

ments of medicine on 48 men and women smokers have produced the first detailed recordings of the heart under the influence of tobacco fumes.

The smokers' ages ranged from 16 to 71. Twenty-one of them were specially chosen because they had weak hearts.

The system

EACH test was carried out with the smoker lying on a couch in the physiology laboratory of New York's Columbia University.

Connected to him were instruments for making continuous records of blood pressure, heartbeat, and the power output of the heart muscles.

The test was in three stages. After a rest, the instruments were run to give check records of the smoker's heart. For the second stage the smoker puffed at an unlit cigarette while more records were made. Finally two cigarettes were smoked.

To cut out possible interference with the recordings by muscle movements, each cigarette was held near the smoker's mouth by a clamp. Several brands of cigarette were used—one an especially mild make from which 51 percent of the nicotine had been extracted. Most of the smokers inhaled throughout the tests.

Four facts

THE doctors claim that their charts disclose four important facts.

1 Smoking does not materially increase the work of the heart even if the heart is weak.

2 Cigarettes have no cumulative action. Chain-smoking 10 cigarettes has no more effect on the heart than one cigarette.

3 Smoking promotes emotional stability in many people.

4 Full-strength tobacco has no greater effect on the body than tobacco from which most of the nicotine has been removed.

In healthy smokers the first cigarette increased heartbeat by an average of eight and a half beats a minute. Blood pressure rose 15 percent. The amount of blood pumped by the heart fell by less than two percent. The second cigarette had no further effect.

Says the report: "These changes, which usually lasted 30 to 45 minutes, were less than those produced by gentle exercise or slight emotional disturbance." There was no evidence of direct action by tobacco on the heart muscle or on the vital blood vessels feeding it.

No worse

ONE of the "guinea pigs," a 43-year-old man with heart disease, had smoked 40 cigarettes a day for the past 13 years, inhaling habitually. The effects of the test on his heart were little more severe than those on a normal heart.

This was generally true for all the heart-affected smokers. Their average increase in heartbeat was nine and a half beats per minute. Summing up the tests, the doctors say there is little evidence that smoking is harmful in any way "to the vast majority of men and women." If "smokers' heart" exists it is very rare.

Gentlemen, you may smoke.

1948 Is China's Year Of Destiny

BY BERNARD DREW

WHAT is the background picture to the gigantic experiment in Western democracy that is going on in China? Will it work in the midst of civil war?

Since the Japanese invasion in 1937, China has accumulated 50,000,000 homeless and over 2,000,000 war orphans.

Foreign observers there say economic and medical aid to China is as important as the military equipment for which the Nationalist Government is asking.

Dr Boreslaw Borcia, of the World Health Organisation, Shanghai, recently said that 5,000,000 lives would be saved in China yearly if sufficient supplies of D.D.T. could be obtained. Fighting disease in China is a heart-breaking job.

There is only one doctor for every 40,000, and China's mortality rate for children under five is the highest in the world.

Yet Dr Borcia, who has spent many years in the East studying disease, believes that China can be freed of plagues in 15 years, given help.

An SOS for D.D.T. has been sent to Britain. So has an urgent request for 300 glass eyes.

During the war Britain sent her aid to China by air over "The Hump." Today it goes by the longer sea route.

What is Britain sending? Milling, drilling, and testing machines, lathes, these form the basis of industrial aid-to-China cargoes now on the high seas.

Half the gift of two ambulances has been followed by two from Sheffield, now being repaired. They belonged to the A.R.P. service previously.

Other bales contain from safety pins to operating tables and portable X-ray apparatus.

Eight hundred working parties working for the British United Aid to China Fund have made and despatched 515 miles of bandages.

Today the fund, with headquarters in London, has 170,000 individual subscribers and over 2,000 firms making regular subscriptions.

YOKED TO PLOUGH

With 80 percent of the population farmers—"We have been farmers for 40 centuries," say the Chinese—China is practically devoid of modern farming machinery.

Men in the villages to the plough in many places because the cattle were devoured by the enemy. As well as farming machinery, Britain is sending out many kinds of seeds.

A recent seed consignment included cabbage, pea, bean, lettuce, parsnip, turnip, sugar, corn, celery, beet, leek, parsley, tomato, radish, and onion. On a long-term basis the British United Aid to China Fund plans to set up a scholarship trust which will enable scores of Chinese students to study here for a year and more as teachers, doctors, nurses, midwives, agriculturists, and engineers.

This has been made possible by the collection of £130,000 at cinemas throughout the country in the past year. The fund will be made up to £200,000, yielding an annual income of £8,000.

But Britain's greatest aid to China has been in grants. Since the fund was started in 1942 these total £1,500,000. More than 700 Chinese institutions, from orphanages to hospitals, have benefited—and cry out for further aid.

In return China's exports to the United Kingdom have been little more than taken—a little grain, oil, silk, and some bristles, totalling in all a few thousands of pounds.

RICHEST MARKET

But China has been described as "the richest potential market in the world," for exports as well as imports. Europe desperately needs her raw materials.

Great efforts are being made to bring stability to the countryside. The British Government has just given 280 radio receiving sets to Chinese schools and universities.

In some provinces, as in Fukien, and Kweichow, radio stations are being established for social education. From Nanking daily go out broadcasts in civics, law, and public health.

Some idea of the magnitude of the Chinese Government's task in controlling the country can be gathered from the number of provincial, county, town, and village councils.

According to the Government's directorate of statistics they number 439,034.

YEAR OF DESTINY

With the few railway lines being almost daily blown up by saboteurs, communication in China is as difficult as it has ever been. Yet the Chinese have taken to air travel like ducks to water.

It has become the only means of travel over long distances. Young American and Chinese pilots are saving the country from complete stagnation. Mostly old war planes are in use.

This is China's year of destiny. Within the next 12 months, according to a British visitor, "We shall have witnessed either the beginning of China's rise to the status of a major stabilising force in world affairs, or the beginning of the end of China as an ordered entity."

LARGEST STORE OF URANIUM

THE world's largest untapped store of uranium is being measured by a Swedish deep-sea expedition led by Prof. Hans Pettersson, of Goteborg.

The expedition, aboard the 1,400-ton motor schooner Albatross, has studied the deep ocean and its bed during a voyage across the Atlantic and Caribbean and recently entered the Pacific through the Panama Canal.

Many lines of research are being pursued by the expedition's scientists. Prof. Pettersson wrote in the British scientific magazine, Nature. The measurement of uranium and radium, made by analysing large volume samples of sea water taken from different depths, were not directed at discovering a method for retrieving the elements.

"Such measurements have become of especial importance owing to the light they may shed on the ionium precipitation in the sea," wrote Prof. Pettersson. He said this precipitation is supposed to be responsible for the radium found in deep sea deposits.

Echo-sounding charts of the sea bottom have been taken to a depth of 6,000 metres, it was reported. They showed that the floor of the Caribbean was much smoother than that of the Atlantic. Many sub-

marine cliffs, previously unknown, were found.

"The depth curve moves incessantly up and down," Pettersson reported. "Generally the movement is by gentle undulations, but quite often it rises or falls by distinct steps, 100 to 300 metres high." He said these cliffs suggested long "faults," or places where the rock had buckled and cracked because of lateral pressure and one side of the crack was raised above the other.

"In certain places where the record tends to become confused, the bottom appears to be covered by small hills or hummocks," he wrote. He did not suggest a possible origin of these domes.

The uneven surface of the bottom of the ocean made the work of measuring the sediment thickness at great depths very complicated, he said. An ingenious method of sounding this sediment carpet was developed by Prof. W. Weibull of Bofors, who accompanied the expedition. Depth charges were set off and echoes reflected back from the sediment surface and the hard rock beneath the sediment were recorded.

By this method it was found that the sediment carpet—the rock of the future—beneath the Atlantic Ocean is 4,800 metres to 7,800 metres thick, and beneath the Caribbean it is 2,900 to 5,000 metres thick.

The measurements will be continued in the Pacific Ocean as the Albatross works west.

An equally novel method of sampling the sediment itself was undertaken. A hollow core of metal was lowered to the sediment and a core of oozes extracted from the sea floor. These cores, 10 to 15 metres long, were sent to Sweden for study.

"Assuming the sediment to increase by eight millimetres in 1,000 years," the Atlantic Ocean, the lower strata of a core 15 metres long should have been deposited nearly 2,000,000 years ago, or before the end of the Tertiary Age," wrote Prof. Pettersson. The fact that deep Atlantic sediment was red in colour, he added, would prove that red clays could be formed in warm water instead of only in the ice-cold water previously thought responsible for it.

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The expedition ship, once through the Panama Canal, made for the Galapagos Islands, its first port of call in the Pacific—United Press.

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FASHION PARADE

WHICH of the new fashions of 1947 is likely to be most successful in 1948? Reviewing this season's styles, I give my vote to the dress with a closely-fitted bodice, tight waist, and extremely full skirt that ends just above the ankle: it can be worn from 6 p.m. to the smallest possible hour.

At first sight, this type of dress might seem another variation of the teen-age ballerina dance frock, but the greater length and more feminine detail make it suitable for any age that can show a lively ankle.

Left, for example, is Frederick Starke's black moss crepe dress with the lovely dipping hemline

by
PATRICIA
LENNARD



Renovation of a Housewife

RENOVATION is a familiar word to the housewife. Most days she uses it, in connection with something or another, until it becomes an old friend—or an old enemy, whichever way you care to look at it.

And yet with all her experience of it, she has to be jolted into applying it to herself. Like the young housewife, married only a year, who wrote to us recently:

A friend told her that her mother looked as young as she did—spring, an honest person, she recognised the truth; that, actually, she looked almost as old as her mother.

"I've been so busy learning how to be a housewife that I've let myself go terribly. Please help me to renovate myself."

Because she has recognised that she is in need of "renovation," this reader is half-way towards solving her problems. Listed they are the more or less specialised ones that come the way of all housewives.

Hands

FRUIT bottling and vegetable preparing leaves them stained.

When pumice-stone won't remove this stain, a solution of water and a bleaching preparation should be used.

The hands should be well rinsed afterwards, and a cream rubbed in after drying.

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that rises in front well above the ankle and just clears the floor at the back. The swathed brassiere bodice is of silver lame, piped with green petersham.

Centre, is the most successful frock from a recent show of wool evening dresses. By Joy Ricardo, the material is deceptively unsophisticated—a duster check in grey, mauve and white. But it is streamlined into this century with an elaborately fitted bodice, glittering with gun-metal beads and a frilled petticoat of shocking pink taffeta.

Right, is a useful as well as pretty evening two-piece by Nettle Vogue. The scarlet satin stripes on heavy white moss crepe are used all ways to give a brassiere top to the shoulder-trapped frock and a deep flounce on the skirt. The separate bolero ends well above the waist, and can be worn open, as in the sketch, or closed.

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SPRING HATS
"BEWILDERING"

By SARA YOKLEY
United Press Staff Correspondent

New York.

Proof that women's spring hats will be bewildering to males the world over showed up at the first International hatshow ever held. It was staged here by the Merrimac Hat Corporation which sells felt to milliners of the United States, Britain and France.

Whether the label reads Paris, London or New York, the trends are the same—and probably the price tags. There are delicate face-framing hats to wear with the new short hair-dos, romantic creations dripping with posies and bold sweeping models with a spring-time tilt.

From the Paris workrooms of Maud et Nano comes a dramatic hat of pale blue felt with a wide, wide brim, slit at the centre to accommodate crisp bows of navy taffeta. Equally bold is Reboux' big lavender felt with an off-face brim that juts straight toward the sky. Red and purple silk ribbon mark a blazing X on the left side of the brim.

FORWARD MOTION

French milliners like small hats too, with a look of forward motion. Pierre Balmain has a pink sailor hat which juts forward slightly, forward and up, and is veiled in navy blue. Balenciaga adds a big pouf of flesh-coloured felt on the left side of a two-tiered green pillbox.

Dorothy Carlton of London fancies the three way hat so popular in this country last spring. She tops a tailored pink felt hat with a wide, floppy brim of black lace, touched behind with a pastel nosegay. The pink felt lace can be worn with suits, while the lace brim makes a romantic cocktail hat.

Aage Thaarup, the Queen's milliner and designer of Princess Elizabeth's trousseau hats uses moss green felt for a small profile hat, with a brim entirely of roses.

"DARING"

But the most daring hats of all are by American designers. Lilly Dache, who could teach them tricks of the trade in any country, has two whopping hats, guaranteed to stop traffic. One of lavender felt is shaped like a gigantic oval meat platter and is worn at a swooping angle. Pastel flowers and pale green ribbon are massed on the crown. A straw-coloured felt by Dache resembles a slanting turban as much as it does anything else. The felt is draped and twisted like a huge pretzel on the right side and is trimmed with cream coloured roses.

NOT FOR THE TIMID

John Frederick, who never designs for the timid, shoots the works on a broad-brimmed sailor of flesh-coloured felt, trimmed with a black veil stole, which falls almost to the knees. Strangers also will stop and stare at his big brimmed hat of light blue felt, edged with bands of black chintilly lace. The hat's brilliant red hat-band is covered with matching lace and a cluster of ostrich plumes droops to the left shoulder.

Why, look it's...



Beachcomber's Wickerwork Hat!

FOR many weeks now Beachcomber has been writing four-line verses about "a little round wickerwork hat."

The "little round wickerwork hat" is rapidly becoming a catch-phrase, irresistible to amateur poets. Every post now brings new readers, verses. And not only verses—but hats, too!

Longer hemlines responsible for shorter Paris hairstyles

London—Longer dresses seem to have been responsible for shorter hairstyles in Paris.

Since longer dresses came in, women have been having their hair cut, tapered, slicked, and lacquered, until their heads appear about the size of a sparrow.

Since then they have been turning up in all shapes and sizes, from five feet across to one inch across, from sombreros and sailor hats to coolie hats and Japanese soldiers' hats. Best of the actual ones sent in so far is the school-boy sailor.

It's round, it's wickerwork, and it's certainly "little"—too small, anyway, for a girl to wear. So it has been photographed—and Robb has drawn the girl you see here wearing it.

PARIS TRIMMINGS : PATRICIA LENNARD'S FASHION NOTEBOOK



Paris is a natural source of piquant accessory ideas. Virginia has sketched a crop of beauties. Below: Given shows a yellow leather mushroom beret, sectioned like a football, and a circle of four leather bags strapped together and worn on the arm, each the size and shape of a man's hairbrush case.

Above: Maggy Rouff makes this blouse of white silk ruffles fagotated together. Hermes slashes the shoulders of elbow-length gloves, Tudor-way, to reveal another colour. Models at Given wear a couple of bracelets over long suede gloves (left).

Above: Practical fancies. Hermes makes this "charm" belt of calf from which dangle streamlined silver chessmen. These can be detached and used for a game on the train. The gilded and colourful blazer crest, by Maggy Rouff, is worn on the bodice or upper arm of topcoats.

Country Cooking

GOOD COUNTRY RECIPES are best for cooking the wild fruits like blackberries, crab apples, sloes and nuts. Remember to look up your favourite recipe book for Crab Apple Jelly, and Damson Cheese. Try blackberry and elderberry jam, quince jam, and chestnut stuffing.

Meanwhile here are some modern recipes for—

CHESTNUT SOUP. Boil 1 lb. of chestnuts for five minutes. Peel and boil in 1½ pints of stock until soft. Sieve the chestnuts. Make a thickening with 1oz. flour and ½ pint milk; add this with a little sugar and the puree to the stock. Boil until it thickens.

SLOE GIN. Fill your bottle one-third full of granulated sugar, one-third of sloes, and one-third of gin. Cork it and seal the cork with sealing wax. Put the bottle away, shake it well every few months, and open 18 months after making.

FROSTED FRUIT. Make a decorative fruit bowl for a children's party by dipping the fruit first in beaten white of egg, then in caster sugar. Blackberries and bunches of grapes look most attractive.

HAZELNUT BRITTLE. Brush a baking tin with melted margarine. Boil some sugar and water (¾ pint to a lb.). When done (a small piece dropped in cold water should be brittle) pour on to the tin and scatter prepared nuts on top.

JELLIED TOMATO RING. Slice some tomatoes. Cook them gently in a very little water with salt, pepper and a little sugar, half a bay leaf, some basil and garlic. Put through sieve and if the puree is thick dilute it a little. To each pint of liquid allow 2 tablespoons gelatine soaked in ¼ cup of cold water and vinegar to taste. Strain the soaked gelatine into a small quantity of the puree and beat it gently until the gelatine is well dissolved. Mix altogether. This can be poured into a mould as it is. You may also add chopped chives, and fine slices of onion. In the ring pile up a salad of whatever kind you like.

BLACKBERRY RAFAICHIS. Pick out the best fruit and put in a glass bowl. Sieve the remainder, add a teaspoon of lemon essence or juice and a tablespoon of sugar. Pour this over the rest of the fruit and leave to stand for an hour. Serve very cold.

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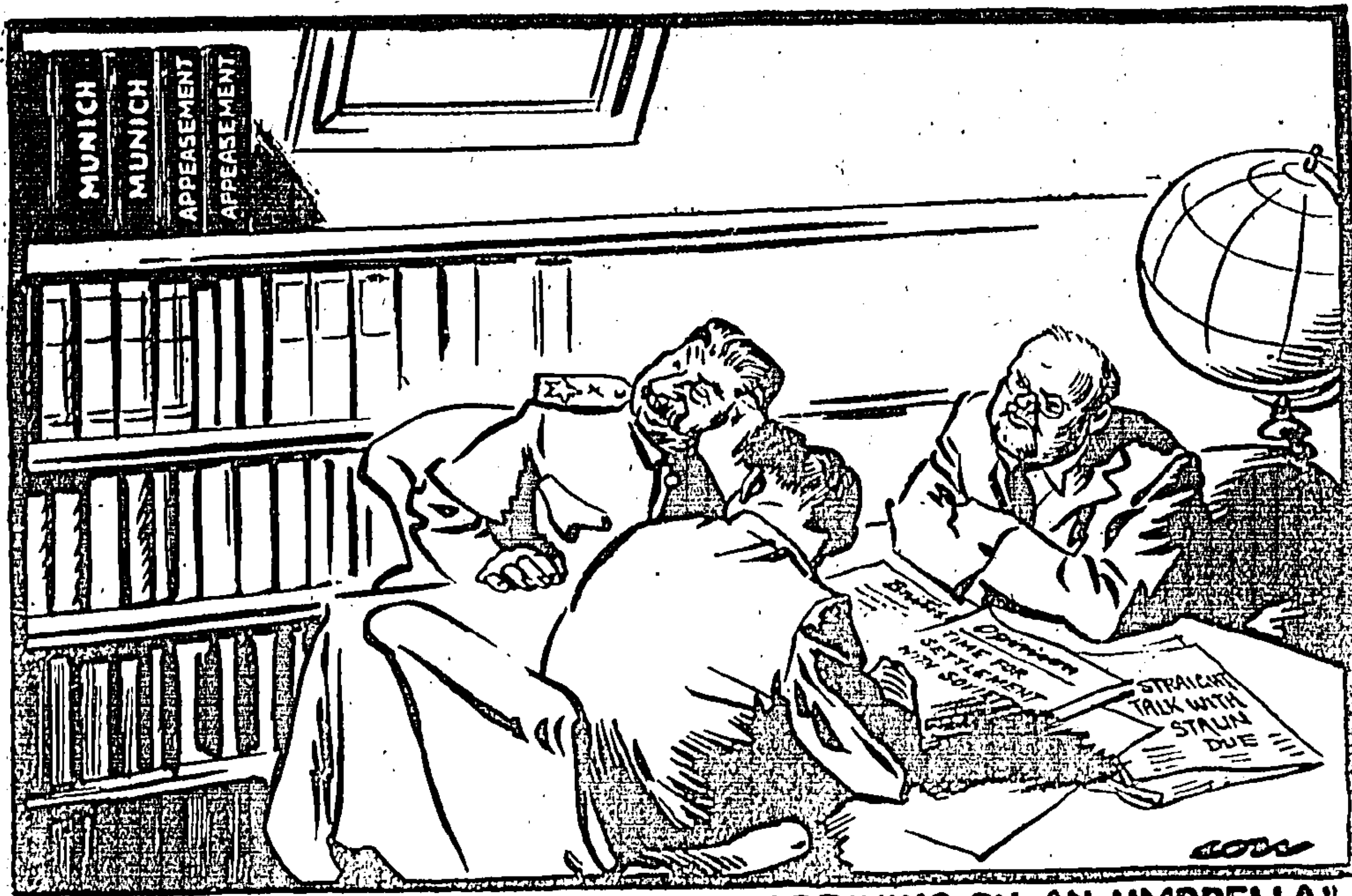
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DRAMAS OF THE LAW COURTS

The mystery of the poisoned wine

Was Greenwood's wife murdered?

by A. E. BOWKER
confidential clerk to SIR EDWARD
MARSHALL HALL, K.C.



Greenwood in court

ANOTHER of Marshall Hall's triumphs was the acquittal of Harold Greenwood, the Kidwelly solicitor, charged with murdering his wife.

Harold Greenwood lived with his wife and family, including a daughter Irene, at Rumsey House, Kidwelly.

To the outside world generally they appeared to be a happy family, although there is little doubt that Greenwood was very popular with women.

Mrs Greenwood was an ailing woman for many months before she died.

Her death, the prosecution declared, was brought about by drinking wine from a special bottle which she herself had bought, but which, it was alleged, had been tampered with by Greenwood.

The fact that Irene Greenwood also had wine from the same bottle at the same time as her mother was one of the strong points for the defence.

On the Saturday before her death Mrs Greenwood was fairly well.

On the Sunday at teatime she was still well, but soon afterwards she suffered from vomiting and diarrhoea, which continued up to her death at three o'clock on the Monday morning.

Murder verdict

IT was on June 16, 1919, that Mrs Greenwood died. It was exactly a year to the day—on June 16, 1920—that Harold Greenwood was arrested, a coroner's jury having brought in a verdict of murder against him.

Four months after his wife's death Harold Greenwood had married a Miss Gladys Jones.

This somewhat hasty marriage, so soon after the death of Mrs Greenwood, had occasioned a certain amount of gossip, although it was made perfectly clear at the trial that there had been no sort of intimacy between them before the tragedy.

It was quite soon after Greenwood's return from his honeymoon that he was visited by the police and a statement taken.

Superintendent Jones told Greenwood that the police would apply for an exhumation order.

"Just the very thing," was Greenwood's reply. "I am quite agreeable."

The body was exhumed on April 16—ten months after death—the coroner's inquest was held, and largely upon the finding of one quarter of a grain of arsenic in the body, Harold Greenwood was arrested and brought to trial at Carmarthen Assizes.

In his closing speech for the defence Marshall Hall riddled the case for the prosecution at every point.

He started with an "all-out challenge." "There was not a tittle, not a shadow of evidence that the poison was administered by Greenwood," he told the jury, and then "Where in the name of Providence is the motive here?" he demanded.

"It took more than 12 months to search the whole of Llanelly and Kidwelly."

"There is no tittle of evidence against Miss Jones or the accused of any relationship that was capable of immoral interpretation."

He had weed-killer

COMING to the possession of weed-killer, he said: "As regards the weed-killer, the accused had in his possession between 1916 and 1919 enough arsenic to poison the whole town of Carmarthen."

Again: "Do you believe it credible that Greenwood would have put a bottle of poisoned wine on the table for his wife with two of the children sitting at the meal?"

Coming to the evidence of the doctors who conducted the postmortem he stressed the fact that only a quarter grain of arsenic had been found in the viscera, and referred to the accepted standard work always relied upon in matters medical, Taylor's Medical Jurisprudence, and quoted from it: "Unless you find a grain or practically a grain in the viscera, it is not safe to say a person died of arsenical poisoning."

He added: "This is the first case where such a small quantity of arsenic has been put forward as consistent with a fatal dose."

He pointed out that neither skin, muscles nor bones had been examined by the experts, nor had any opportunity for examination by experts for the defence been given.

"I do not want to quarrel with the honesty of the evidence given by the experts," he declared, "but I do challenge the accuracy of their calculations, and I ask you to say it is not right that a man should be sent to the gallows from deductions made from observations so minute as I have endeavoured to explain to you."

From time to time he had various brushes with the judge.

I can tell you that he was a sick man at this time, and under normal circumstances, and in anything but a capital charge, would not have been in court.

Hence he was rather testy, and flared up more than once when the judge interpolated some remark during his closing speech.

As, for example, when Mr Justice Shearman objected to the use of the words "special idiosyncrasy" in connection with gooseberry tart eaten by Mrs Greenwood on the Sunday.

"The evidence is that Mrs Greenwood herself told the doctor that she had eaten gooseberry tart, which always upset her," retorted counsel. "It is the evidence for the prosecution, and therefore I am entitled to quote it."

And then a few seconds later: "I hope, my Lord, I will not be interrupted on another point."

Daring demand

THEN came his remarkable peroration at the end of which he declared: "Gentlemen of the jury, I demand at your hands the life and liberty of Harold Greenwood."

A daring demand, but Marshall Hall was very daring when a life was at stake.

The verdict was Not Guilty.

Some years afterwards—eight, I think—came news of Harold Greenwood's death in a little Herefordshire village.

Eastbourne Murder

OF a different type entirely was the fourth trial in which we appeared during that fateful year 1920.

Scarcely was Marshall Hall through with the Greenwood case than we had to hasten off to Lewes, where two men Jack Alfred Field (aged 19) and William Thomas Gray, were charged with the murder of a

17-year-old typist named Irene Munro at Eastbourne.

It was a brutal crime. The girl had been rendered insensible by a blow on the jaw, and then, as she lay helpless on the shingle, her head had been battered in by either dropping or smashing a heavy iron-stone brick upon it.

While Field and Gray awaited trial in Maidstone Prison, Gray was particularly foolish, having asked one prisoner to say that he was with him on the day of the tragedy.

He had told another prisoner that he was "with the girl up to almost the hour it happened."

Damning talks

MARSHALL Hall was briefed for the defence of Gray. Field's defence being in the capable hands of Mr. J. D. Cassels, now Mr Justice Cassels.

Of course, the evidence of these prison talks was damning in the extreme, and it would have been futile for Marshall Hall to have called Gray into the witness-box.

Field had gone in and had a very bad time, and an old campaigner like Marshall Hall was not slow to make capital out of this when the time came.

The only possible defence was, he realised, an alibi, and although the chances were slender he adroitly played on the evidence of a Dr Cadman, the police surgeon who had given evidence at the inquest.

It was to the effect that in his opinion the earliest the girl could have died was at eleven o'clock the night before her body was found.

I remember Marshall Hall going down to Eastbourne on the Sunday before the trial opened on the Monday, and spending hours going over the actual scene of the crime yard by yard, foot by foot.

Was it a very popular place for lovers on a Saturday and Sunday?

Were there many people about on a Saturday afternoon?

He discovered that there were, and thus armed came to the trial to put before the jury that this was no daytime murder, when there might be scores of people in the vicinity.

"It is a night-time crime, committed under cover of the darkness," he insisted, arguing that if that were so, then the two men were nowhere near the scene of the crime at that time.

Found Guilty

But there was other medical evidence besides that of Dr Cadman, and there was also a particularly cogent and obliterating summing-up on the part of Mr Justice Avoxy, with the result that both Field and Gray were found Guilty.

"Our man is a thorough bad lot," Marshall Hall remarked "to me as we walked down to the station together after the verdict. 'Very few people will grieve if he is hanged. I'm sure I shall not.'"

Both men perished on the scaffold at Wandsworth Prison, this being the first double hanging in this prison for many years.

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NEXT WEEK:
The Amazing Horatio Bottomley

American column

See that wet—see that dry

By NEWELL ROGERS

NEW YORK.

A YOUNG scientist who never finished secondary school is working to fulfil this prophecy—within three years cities like London should be able to divert rain or snow storms. Prophet is Nobel prizewinner Iyving Langmuir.

Vincent Schaefer, Langmuir's research laboratory assistant, found the secret of man-made rainstorms after studying snow crystals on winter rambles.

Langmuir thinks Schaefer developed dry ice of clouds because his head is not stuffed with too much book learning. He tried the theoretically impossible.

"Instead of complicated theorising," says Langmuir, "Vince just starts at a problem's beginning and goes through to the end."

SAM KRASILOVSKY, who ran the pound he brought to America in 1900 into a million pounds with a lorry business, still signs cheques with an X.

MAURICE CHEVALIER opened at Miami's Copacabana Club early this month at £820 a night.

THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS of America have 10,000 ex-Servicemen signed up to fight for Palestine partition, says National Commander Julius Klein, providing the State Department will rule it legal. The State Department rules it illegal.

WASHINGTON is now selling atoms by mail order—at bargain rates. One twenty-thousandth of an ounce of radio-active carbon atoms is a popular purchase at £12 10s.

HOLLYWOOD says the Loretta Young Gopher and the London newspapers' interest in Mickey Rooney's salary have scared several of its stars into declining British show offers.

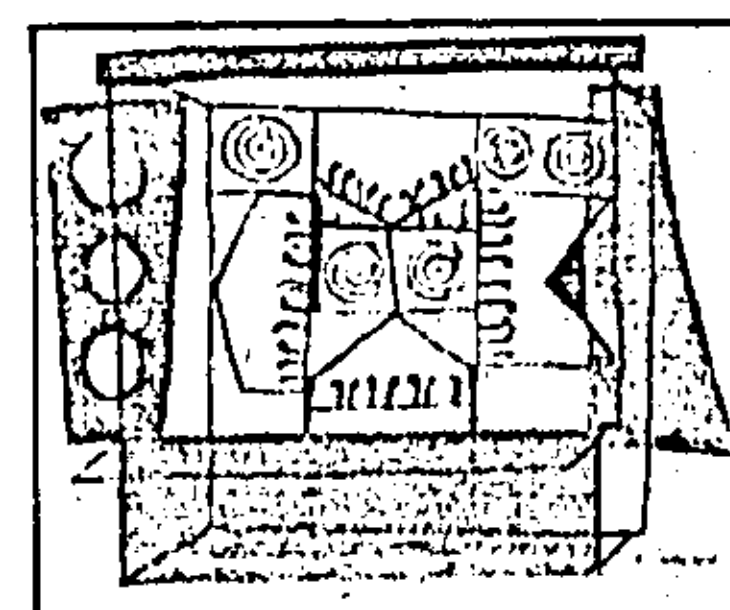
UNABLE TO GET a Soviet visa to return to his Moscow post, New York Times correspondent Drew Middleton now writes a series on inside Russia. First conclusion—Russia will not be able to wage aggressive war for ten years.

FOR THE FIRST TIME since Dame Ethel Smyth's "The Wood," in 1903, New York's Metropolitan Opera this month will present an opera by an English composer—Benjamin Britten's "Peter Grimes."

THE CASE for revaluing sterling is rapidly becoming stronger, in the opinion of New York's Journal of Commerce, because "revolution and abatement of controls will spur business expansion in Britain."

POLICE REPORT that Washington is being "flooded" with vulgar gramophone records. They arrested two men charged with selling some of them, and broadcast a warning that anyone owning vulgar records can go to jail for a year or be fined £250.

ART SHOWS are booming there were 40 in Britain last month. The first to open in February is a one-man show by Eduardo Paolozzi, who draws like this:—



Would you pay £15 15s. for this?

by JOHN DEANE POTTER

LONDON.

SWARTHY Eduardo Paolozzi, 24-year-old Italian artist, born in Edinburgh, bought his shooting gallery to live-at-home, London, W.1, on February 2, and is selling it at 15 guineas a piece.

Dressed in a tartan shirt and tweed trousers, he superintended the hanging of his 30 paintings of a French shooting gallery. To the uninitiated, the pictures have the fashionable lunatic look.

Each one, showing a different angle of the shooting gallery, is painted in simple dabbish blues and greys rather like a child's paint book.

Burly Paolozzi explained in his Scots accent the apparent likeness. He said: "The whole conception is the box. I have taken the shooting gallery, but a shop would have done just as well. I take it apart, put the bits together in a different way. Then I draw the new bits."

"Sometimes I stick on pieces of coloured paper instead of paint. They are part of a theme, each is a separate conception. It is what the French call the cuisine."

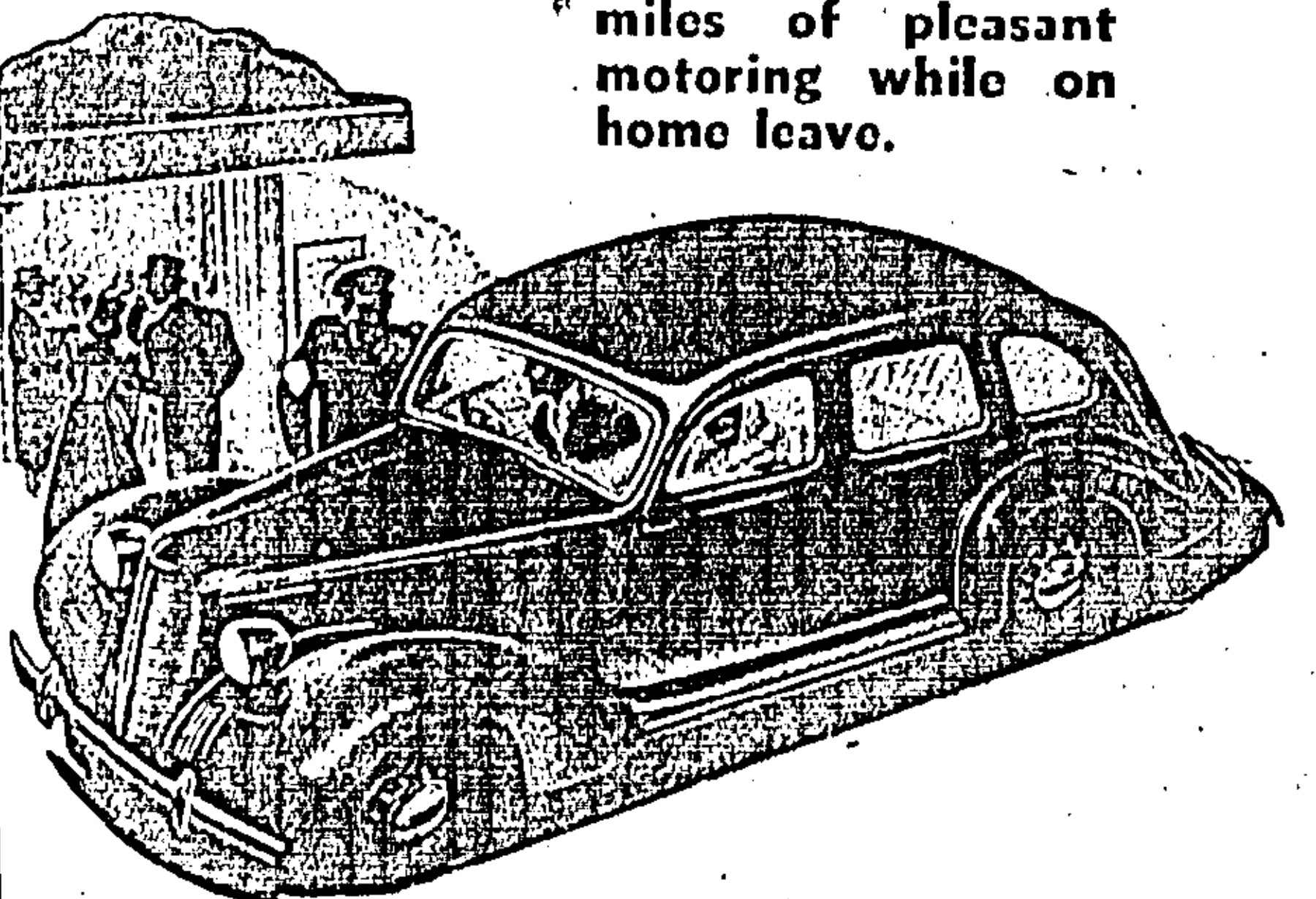
He said that he was not a surrealist—or any other "ist"—just an artist with a box fixation.

His pictures show clay pipes, or just two round targets with some black lines and triangles.



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HICCOUGHED INTO FAME

"Itma-ty sine," was Tommy Handley's view of the winning concoction in the international cocktail-making championship at London's hotel exhibition, submitted by 26-year-old Sidney Mitchell, an apprentice at Scott's Restaurant, Coventry Street.

Judicators' maxim for a good cocktail—not too dry, not too sweet, and with not too violent a basis of anything.

The Itma company, with Patricia Roc as guest star, joined in the final testing. It first resulted in Mr Mitchell dead-heating for the title with J. Wat of Saunton Sands Hotel, Devon. So they had to start sipping all over again.

This was a most welcome if rather hectic procedure, gallantly undertaken. "He who which concoction should be presented with the prize...."

And so it was that Mr Mitchell's "Mighty Fine" was hiccoughed into fame.

He defeated 300 burmen and their 2,000 new cocktails from all over the world with his mixture, "Mighty Fine," made up of one-third each rye whiskey, Amer Picon and orange squash and three dashes of orange bitters. It matched up to the ad-

SPORTS FEATURES

Today the Rest of the Colony versus Shanghai: tomorrow a full programme of senior league football! That is the menu for soccer fans for this week-end.

Interest in this afternoon's Interport series match was much heightened by the visitors' defeat of the Combined Hongkong Chinese XI on Wednesday, even though the home side established a heavy territorial advantage.

There are two sets of all-Service league fixtures to-morrow, but the most interesting match of the day is the third meeting of the season of St Joseph's and Sing Tao.

Another Big Test For S'hai Interport Team Today

(BY "SEE TEE")

The Rest of the Colony XI is expected to line this afternoon as follows:

Lock (Club); Fjeldstad (Club); B. Gosano (St Joseph's); Anderson (RAF); Forrow, Captain (Club); Parvin (RN); Xavier (St Joseph's); Cunningham (Buffs); Sewell (RAF); Kierman (Inniskillings) and Omar (St Joseph's).

This is a most interesting team; it has weaknesses in defence and attack, but its chief merit is the strength of the middle line and the striking power of the three inside forwards. If Cunningham, Sewell and Kierman produce their best form, and their two St Joseph's wingmen, Xavier and Omar, their best league game, Shanghai's defence is going to do a lot of running about; quite as much as the Colony's attack gave it on Tuesday.

A SECOND DUEL

The renewal of the duel between Robostoff and Forrow is another plum to which many are looking forward. Robostoff is a player who must be watched closely and Forrow is in for another busy afternoon. I expect to see Shanghai's centre-forward adopting the tactics which Lawton is using with North County, lying back behind the other forwards and coming through with a rush at the right moment.

In many ways Tuesday's Interport match was a disappointment. The Shanghai men seemed unable to blend their own individual styles into a cohesive force, either in defence or attack. First half sports by Robostoff and Suen looked full of promise, and the half time score of 2-1 for Hongkong bore the appearance of anybody's game.

Suen's lameness took the bite out of the visitors' attack after the interval, but the psychological effect on both sides of two goals in the first four minutes of the second half took much of its interest away. Hongkong piled on the pressure full of excited encouragement; Shanghai, bewildered and a little dispirited, fell back on the defensive.

INTENSE PRESSURE

It is often a mistake to adopt a defensive role at such a stage of a game. On Wednesday, N. Z. Lee, who was captaining the visiting team, did not call his inside men back into the defence until midway through the second half. Then, Hongkong's pressure, on Shanghai's two goals lead, was becoming more and more intense. In the last quarter of an hour the visitors' attack consisted only of Robostoff and Lee; nevertheless, these two claimed the attention of four local Chinese defenders.

Another angle of this afternoon's match is that it may throw light upon some of the contentions con-

cerning the selection of the Hongkong Interport team. Is Leck a better "big-match" goalkeeper than "Tao"? How would Sewell have fared as the Colony's centre-forward? How much better will Gosano fare with a less powerful wing half in front of him? Can Cunningham produce the phenomenal form he showed in the Memorial Cup match? These and other questions may be answered in full this afternoon; some may lie upon the table and be argued over and over again in those places where football is ever a popular topic.

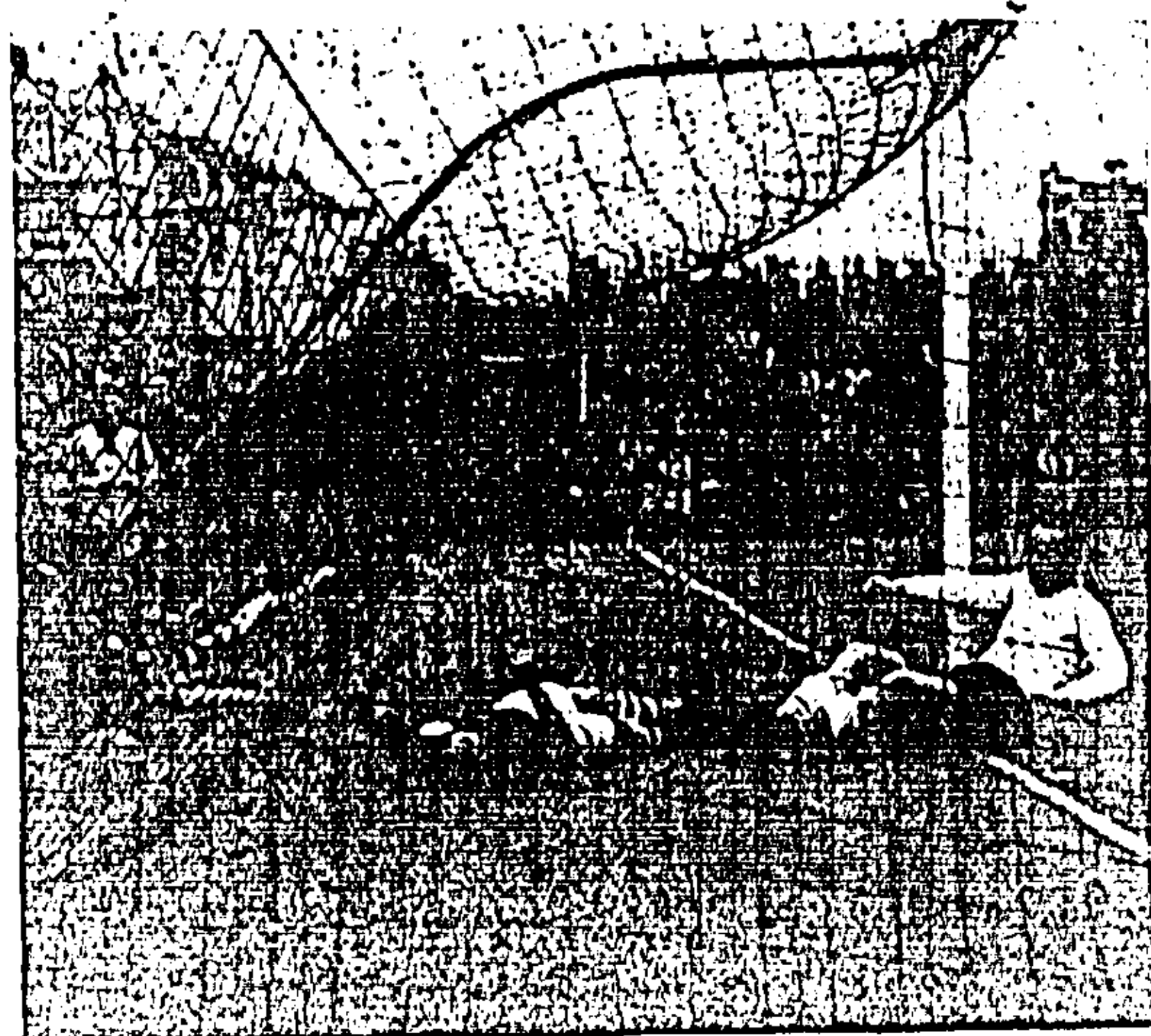
SAINTS' PROSPECTS

St Joseph's fighting qualities, (let's not be misunderstood in high places)—St Joseph's well known ability to put up a great fight against seemingly overwhelming odds, will attract a large crowd to the Club Ground tomorrow afternoon. The Saints beat Kitchee when the Kitchee playing list included those players who are now the back-bone of Sing Tao. The Saints had the beating of Sing Tao in a mid-week evening match in October. Their excellent young forwards, however, wasted many scoring chances and Sing Tao snatched a last minute victory from the very jaws of defeat. In the Senior Shield competition a much reinforced Sing Tao team beat the Saints 4-2.

The Club's match with Kitchee, which follows immediately on the Sing Tao-Saints match, brings back memories of the stirring battle which these two sides fought on October 22. Kitchee won 5-4. The Club have every hope of turning the tables tomorrow.

Tomorrow is an all-Service day at the pleasant Sookunpo park. Duff v. Inniskillings (their first meeting in the Hongkong league) is followed by a return match between the RAF and the 25th Field RA. On November 5 they drew 1-1.

At Boundary-street, Chinese Athletic, after last week's 1-1 struggle with Kitchee, hope to repeat their early season 2-1 defeat of the Police. Feeling ran very high in this match.



Tang Yee-ki, Hongkong's centre-forward lies injured on the ground after scoring the second goal in the Interport soccer match against Shanghai. A Shanghai defender (in white) watches the ball go into the back of net after a vain attempt to stop Tang from scoring.—Golden Studio.

SOFTBALL CHATTER BY "SPECTATOR"

League Championship Virtually Decided

CANUCKETTE'S NEW STRENGTH

While the International Series got into stride during the Chinese New Year holidays, with Great Britain and China advancing to the semi-finals at the expense of United States and Philippines respectively, the Men's "A" League championship was virtually decided last weekend as St Joseph's consolidated their position as potential winners with a victory over their closest rivals, the Merry Madcaps.

The next games in the International competition will see China meeting India and Great Britain clashing with Portugal. The winners of these games, to be played on a date yet to be fixed, will meet in the final for the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Shield.

This week's fixtures centre round the Madcaps v. Canadian tussle, which is played on the CBA ground at 11.15 a.m. when Doc Molten, Gus Rosario and Hobo Gomes will act as umpires. While both teams can now hardly challenge the Mighty Saints, who have a clear two-game lead, they will be all out to view for superiority to be the next best. The Madcaps will probably start with a weakened nine, two star players in shortstop Robbie Rocha and pitcher Dale Cramer being on the injured list. On the other hand, peppery Herbie Quon has returned to the Canuck side. His return has been a real red Canadian strength, although he is not at all fit to pitch, where he has excelled with speed and hitting. He was on the receiving end to Kassa Nazarin in his last outing. This game may serve to give the Canadians revenge from their first round defeat by the Madcaps.

YANKS YANKED

Fielding a weak contingent, mostly sailors of the U.S. Navy here, U.S.A. were severely yanked by Great Britain. The scalping was a 24-4 walk-over. The Americans failed to field a pitcher of calibre. They used two mediocre ones and altogether they were banged for 14 hits. There was indeed a far cry for that Madcapman, Dale Cramer, who rose to the zenith in his short tenure on the local diamond. Dale was injured in the Madcap-Saint League affair. Solly Saul and Jack Brown did duty for the British. Solly conceded three hits in four innings and Jack allowed only one in three stanzas. Predominating the British attack was "Babe Ruth" Dave Leonard. Included in his average, which was four hits in six trips, were two sizzling three-baggers.

China popped out a brand new pitcher, namely Lau Chung-sang. He twirled a starchy two-hitter game in the Chinese 14-0 paring of the Philippines.

SAINTS WERE OUTHIT

The slugging Saints were outhit five to four, but their equally classy defence rose to the occasion to save the day for them. However, their hitting was timely and when any one baserunner needed pushing ahead, either this or that Josephian was there to do the job. In this connection, Chief Stan Leonard did two good jobs with clutch drives. Bambino Dave Leonard and power-wielding Jindoo Hussain helped "just nicely."

The Madcaps fumbled miserably, committing no less than seven errors. Absence of sparkplug Rob-

CANUCKETTES' THREAT

A powerfully reinforced Canuckette contingent gave the pennant-aspiring Madcap Aces the jitters for six long innings, during which Alice Mar's Maple Leafs held the lead. "Long-time-no-see" in the achievement column, Celly Gutierrez figured prominently once again in her team's recovery to edge out the Canadians 11 runs to 10 after an extra frame. She scored the equaliser in the last stanza, then drove the winning run in in the additional stanza. Peppery Celeste went after a catch after such a long, long time for balls never went her way in game after game—and she caught the pill like every day's business. Celly has had her day again!

The Maple Leafs ran into a big lead as dynamic Jean Lee and "gentle" Mary Bunn homered. In the last stanza, the Aces shone in fielding too when old-timer, retiring pitcher but powerfully ball-playing Mary Ng chased and caught two flies flawlessly. Then pitcher Chief Alice Mar stopped a stinging drive straight towards her. However, Buster Hollands' Aces pegged on in every inning. Power-packed Ace Grille Gann banged the old apple mercilessly. It was hit for a triple and a single. Orders to hunt met with some amount of success and it was evident that teamwork in a large measure was responsible for the Aces' last-minute triumph.

THREE NEWCOMERS

Introducing the three new Canuckettes for Truelight School, who by their initial inclusion, have helped the Canadians to give such a fine show against the top-placed Aces.

BackRoom Boy Of Olympic Swimming

By MILLIE HUDSON
British Olympic Representative

The man with one of the biggest Olympic Games burdens on his shoulders, that of "stage managing" the swimming and boxing events, is doing the least talking about it. He is Paul Herbert, general manager of the Empire Pool at Wembley, and liaison officer between managing director Sir Arthur Elvin and the Olympic committee.

Quiet and unassuming, Herbert will say if you inquire about his work: "I'm just a 'back-room boy.' I don't want to be brought into the limelight."

Through his genius for management and his love of sport he has been there since 1934. From a bank clerk he had become a city foreign correspondent. He was then known for the fine international galas he organised for the Highgate Diving Club, which he founded. Aiding him in his work is his fluency in French.

TENNIS AND GYMNASTICS
A diver of merit himself, Herbert was also at one time a line tennis player, was ranked among the best gymnasts of the country, and served on the executives of amateur bodies governing these sports.

A permanent service to divers is his book, Foundations of Modern Springboard Diving, highly recommended by chief ASA diving adviser Gregory Matvelev, proceeds of which go to Olympic training funds. Herbert immediately proved his worth at the stadium by staging



successfully the second British Empire Games in 1934. He cemented this position with the next largest task of his career, the 1938 European Games, for which he was also Secretary.

From each competitors departed with a higher opinion than ever of British hospitality and sportsmanship, and responsible in no small degree was Herbert's smooth management and bilingual powers.

LOTS DOING

His Olympic Games job this year is the greatest of all. The fitting into workable programmes lasting two weeks of all the swimming, diving, water polo and boxing hours, including the opening and closing ceremonies, throws a particularly heavy burden on the manager; and he is doing this in addition to his usual full time job of running regular daily events. National League hockey continues until May, and varied other important contests carry on until Olympic eve.

Dispectated, personality-impersonified Vivian Lee is a live wire of a ball player. She brought off a fielding game, catching one inch from the ground after a long run. Betty Li is a cool first sacker and has a fine style with the bat and can hit 'em too. Non-stop express is Vivian Yue who catches. Travelling from first base, she was called out twice after beating the throw by miles, but could not stop at the base and passing it, got tagged. That's how come the non-stop you know my methods, Watson? This Yue girl is a plucky and safe catcher. Ulian Koo was not playing for the Canuckettes last Sunday, and now with the reinforcements and with a full team, the Canadians are strong. But it is a pity the pennant-chasing is reaching the home stretch—so isn't it too late?

Tomorrow's fixtures are as follows:

Men's "A" Division
CBA ground—9.30 a.m. Philippines v. VRC. 11.15 a.m. Madcap v. Canadians.

Recreio football ground—9.30 a.m. Baseball Club v. St Joseph's. 11.15 a.m. South China v. Rovers.

Recreio football diamond—11.15 a.m. Recreio v. Police.

Women's Division
CBA ground—2.30 p.m. Wildcats v. Madcap Aces.

JOHN MACADAM in an Olympic

--- Round-Up Says ---

Luckily The Chinese Bring Their Own Birds' Nests

This is a Progress Report on XIV. Olympiad, London, 1948, otherwise the Olympic Games, otherwise Great Britain, Ltd., and if you don't think it indicates progress, then, my friend, you don't know what progress is.

A staff of some two thousand, many of them volunteers and unpaid, have drawn up for the 6,000 to 7,000 competitors and 1,000-plus accompanying V.I.P.s a taut programme.

It runs by the half-hour from 2.30 p.m. on July 29 next at the Wembley Stadium, with a bewildering series of offshoots to more than a dozen other stadia in the London area, until 8 p.m. on August 14, again at Wembley Stadium.

To do this they have had to consider everything in and out of sport, from the provision of shark fins to 12ft. dinghies.

The extraordinary thing is that, considering the manpower problem and the material problem that exist in England today, it is being done on paper to the satisfaction of probably one of the most expert bodies of planners a democratic world has ever seen.

52 NATIONS TO COMPETE

Fifty-two nations have accepted for next summer's Games. There is not space to enumerate the nations. The Russians are not yet in, although they are expected almost hourly, but looking down the list of names it is impossible to think off-hand of any considerable Power that will not be represented.

The number of events has reached 136, against Berlin's 129 in 1936, the 118 of Los Angeles, the 113 of Amsterdam—back through Paris, Antwerp, London, St. Louis, and Paris to the 44 events of Athens way back in 1900, when the modern Games were restarted.

There is no detail of organisation that has been left unconsidered. The housing manager, Stanley George James Briault, formerly a Royal Air Force entering officer, will handle the housing of athletes at the three main camp centres—Richmond, West Drayton and Uxbridge.

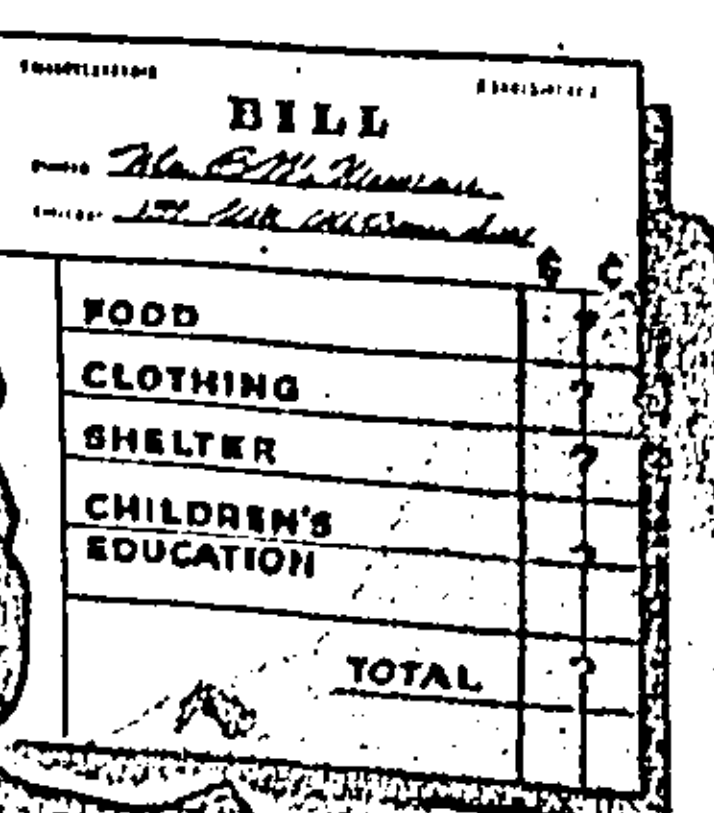
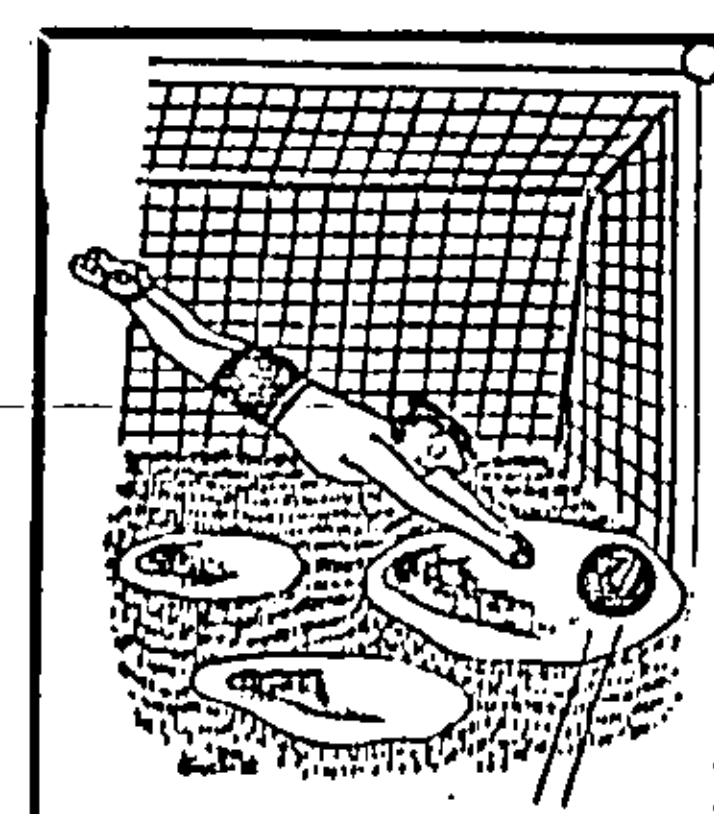
There he must install bands of British cooks to work under the general direction of international chefs from the various countries.

Luckily for him, the Chinese will bring their own chefs, birds' nests and bamboo shoots, and the Indians their own rice. His men will accept direction from the foreign chefs.

Not that it is as simple as just that. The Palestinian athletes will expect kosher food, the Mexicans will expect 1,000 pints of milk a week (which they are prepared to import from the U.S.) 500 live hens and 150 live turkeys, not to mention the grain with which to keep the birds alive until the appropriate moment.

SPANIARDS PLAY SAFE

The Spaniards, perturbed by the stories of British austerity, have sent a preliminary lecture on dietetics with accompanying elaborate menus indicating the standard on which their athletes expect to be fed for fighting fitness. Whereas the maximum diet for a British heavy indus-



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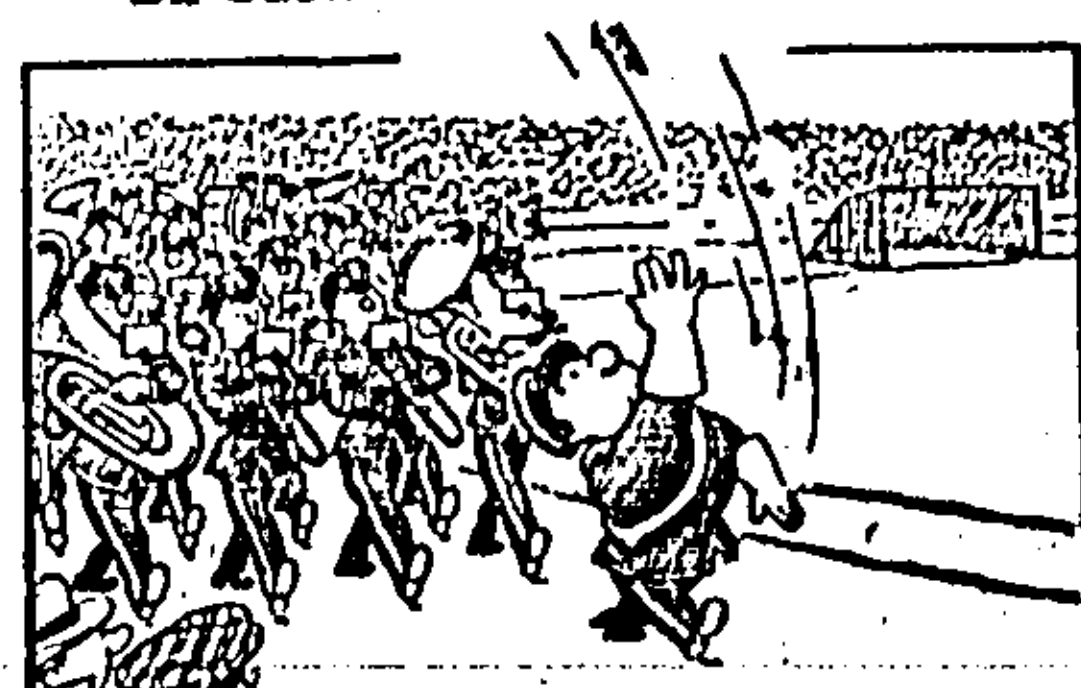
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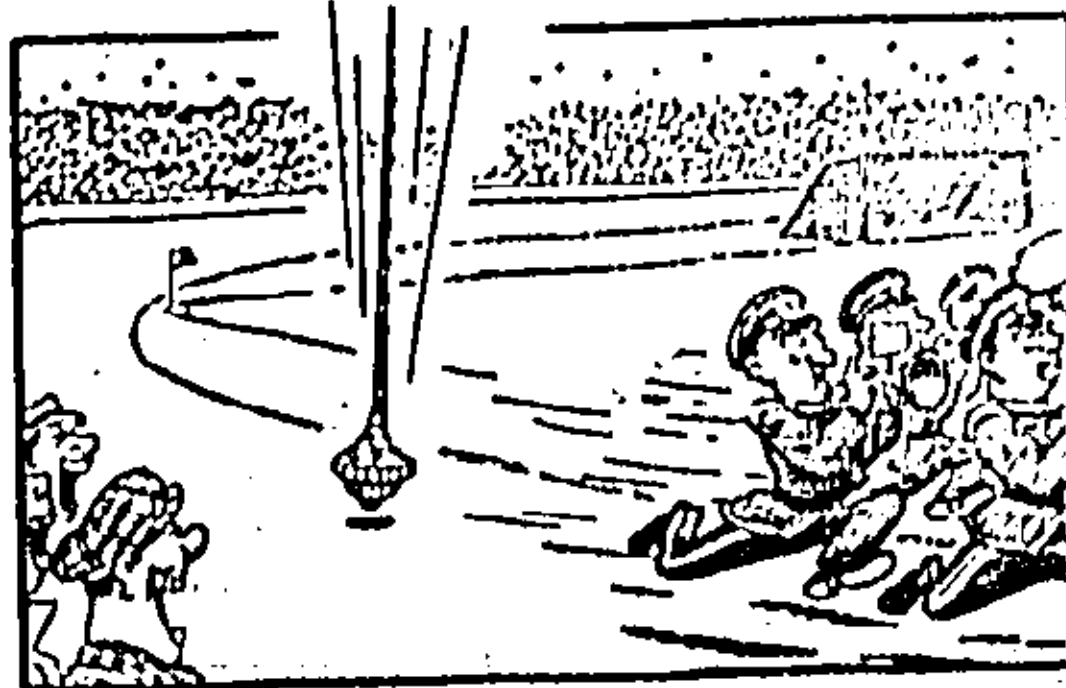


Harry Owen-Hughes and Ted Fincher, going out after lunch to resume their partnership for a Hongkong eleven against the Combined Services on Chinese New Year's Day. The pair added 84 for the fourth wicket, and the Colony team won the match by an innings.—Golden Studio.

SPORTING SAM



By Reg. Wootton



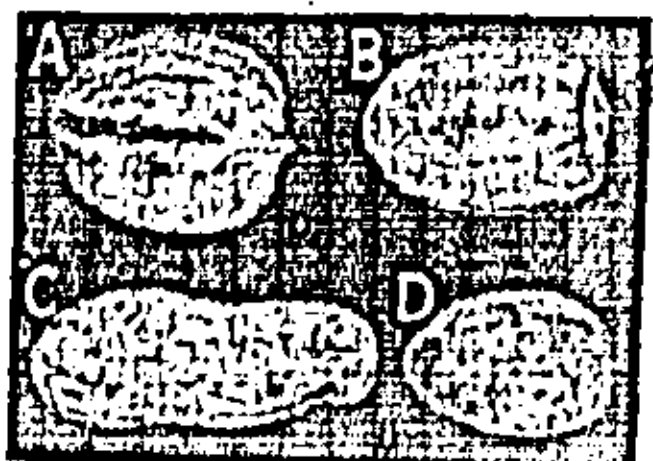
Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. Who were the two apostles of truth, both called Mark? Their surnames were—
Clement and Lemon.

2. If you were to go berserk you would be imitating—
Vikings, Hottentots, Berbers?

3. To which of these countries would a telephone call be most costly—
Uruguay, Iraq, the Argentine, South Africa, India, Russia, Brazil?



4. These are—
Chestnut, filbert, ground-nut, Brazil-nut, walnut, almond?

5. A penny gaff was—
Impromptu for fishing, wrong change, cheap music hall, look through a telescope?

6. The opera "Princess Ida" was founded on a poem by—
Keats, Shelley, Byron, Tennyson?

7. There are 39 books in the Old Testament. To find the number in the New Testament you may—
Subtract nine, multiply first digit by second, add one?

8. The original meaning of December was—
Yuletide, tenth month, winter, long darkness?

9. Grid-street, London, was famous for—
Oyster puddings, bicycle-making, writers, actors?

10. The wife of a Sultan is—
Raney, Memschth, Sultana, Nabab?

Sweden To Cut Imports

Prime Minister Tage Erlander of Sweden said that the Swedish people are living above their resources, "or at least are straining them," and announced plans to cut imports.

"It is necessary to curtail imports, and we plan to reduce them from 5,000 million kroner in 1947 to 3,500 million kroner this year," he said.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN SEES THROUGH THE NEW SOVIET POLICY

By W. N. EWER

THE recent broadcast by Mr Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, was primarily for his British audience. But it has international significance as well. For it summed up in a few sentences the view which the British Government has been forced to take of Soviet policy.

"Soviet communism pursues a policy which threatens with a new form of imperialism—ideological, economic and strategic—the welfare and way of life of the other nations of Europe."

They are grave words. But the history of the two and a half years since the end of the war fully justifies them.

The pattern of events has become only too plain.

In 1939 Russia had already turned in 1939 from her ancient policy of seeking security abroad and of devoting her energies to reconstruction at home. She had in collusion with Hitler's Germany absorbed the three Baltic Republics. She had annexed Eastern Poland. She had taken Bessarabia and the Bukovina from Rumania.

STALIN'S DEMAND

Tactically or expressly the Western Allies had agreed that she should keep these territories, to which was added sub-Carpathian Russia, ceded by Czechoslovakia, and the Konigsberg area of East Prussia. It would have been difficult to refuse Stalin's demand for territory as a reward for the part Russia had played, since he insisted that these annexations were essential for her security in the future. And it was, for truly, it was believed then that this territorial expansion was all she sought in Europe; that the pledge that the East European countries' independence would be fully safeguarded was genuinely meant.

Then came the new doctrine that the Soviet Union was entitled to require that in every neighbouring country there should be a government "loyal" to Moscow.

That doctrine translated into practice has meant that the governments of all these countries have, at Russian dictation or under Russian pressure, been brought under effective control of Communist ministers who openly avow that they are under the leadership of Stalin. There is in none of them—with the partial, and perhaps temporary exception of Czechoslovakia—either genuine democracy or with any pretence of it. For all practical purposes the policies of Poland, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Albania and Hungary are controlled from Moscow as completely as were even

Hitler's satellites controlled from Berlin.

It is indeed a new form of imperialism. And, as Mr Attlee has noted, it is also ideological and economic. No speech, no thought, is tolerated in these countries which does not accord with what is, at the moment, permitted in Moscow. And their economies are being month by month more closely integrated with that of the Soviet Union. Such devices as the "mixed companies" under Soviet control which now dominate the industries of Rumania and Hungary are characteristic devices of economic imperialism. Eastern Europe, except for Greece, is today under the close hegemony of the Soviet Government. And every effort is being made to cut it off as completely as possible—except for well controlled trade from the West.

Not only to cut it off. But throughout the whole area a steady propaganda incites hostility to the West, seeks in every way to widen and deepen the gulf that has been created by force.

That is the achievement to date of the new imperialism. And already, quite openly, it is seeking, through the agencies of the Communist parties, to gain a hold in France, in Italy and in Western Germany. The Soviet leaders proclaim the existence of a "struggle" between two "camps." The one camp is the Soviet Union and its satellites, the other—the rest of the world.

Those are the harsh facts of the situation. The importance of Mr Attlee's broadcast is that it makes it clear that British policy is now based on recognition of the facts, not on acceptance of assurances from Moscow that the Soviet Union stands for democracy and national independence.

Universal Military Training Is Tough Problem For U.S. Congress

Washington, Feb. 13.—The United States Congress will have a tough problem on its hands if it tackles universal military training this year.

This is an election year for most members of Congress and, while many people want military training for young men, many do not.

The country is split on the issue. Friends of the idea call it universal military training. Universal, in this case, is another word for compulsory.

If Congress should pass it, youths from 18 to 20 would be drafted for military training for at least six months—about 900,000 of them a year.

BILL READY

Congressmen who voted for it would make some friends; the people who want it. They would make enemies, too. For instance, some parents.

There is a bill—really a plan—already to be debated and voted upon in the House. Will the House go ahead with it? Perhaps.

It may want to see whether the Senate will tackle this universal training bill this year. The bill cannot become law unless both Houses approve.

But Congress may act if it thinks there is enough public opinion behind the idea—and if our relations with Russia get worse.

Some organizations—for example, the American Legion—are pushing very hard to get action this year.

Some educators want it, but some do not. This applies also to women's organizations and, for example, clergymen.

The American Legion, made up of veterans of World Wars I and II, has backed the idea for years, more than any other organization. But the American Veterans' Committee, made up of veterans of World War II only, is against it.

AFTER WORLD WAR I

Back in 1919, the American Legion after World War I backed a universal military training programme. In almost every Congress since then, there has been at least one bill to make such training law. Nothing much has happened. The bill never got far enough to reach the floor of the House or Senate for debate and vote. Then World War II came along.

Almost from scratch, America had to build up an armed force of 15,000,000. Should the nation be that unprepared for another war? A lot of people thought so, including top military men like General Marshall and General Eisenhower and Admiral King. They favoured training in 1945, and since then brigades of people have stepped forward for the idea.

Since 1945, U.S. relations with Russia have gone downhill. One by one countries of Europe have gone under Communist control.

That has thrown more wood on the universal training fire. So in December 1946, President Truman appointed a commission of civilians to advise him whether the country's

youths need some form of compulsory training.

This commission was made up of two college presidents, a former ambassador to Russia, a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister, a judge, a woman welfare worker and a business man. The commission worked for five months, heard more than 200 witnesses talk for and against training, and turned in a report urging training right away.

The commission was unanimous about the need, which it called an "urgent military necessity." This was in May 1947.

Spurred by this report, the House Armed Services Committee in June started a month-long hearing, listened to 28 witnesses and gave approval to a bill. The bill went up to the House for action. But by then it was late in the summer, and the full House went home without acting on it. The bill, unchanged, still stands, waiting for the House to tackle it now, or skip over it.

IN THE SENATE

The Senate has no similar bill ready to be acted upon. But the Senate Armed Services Committee within a month may start hearings on a similar bill. Those hearings may take a month, or months. Then, if the Committee approves a bill and sends it up to the full Senate for a vote, the 1948 session of Congress probably will be half over.

The House can act fast, if it wants to. The Senate will have less time but still, it seems, enough time to vote on a bill or leave it alone for another year.—Associated Press.

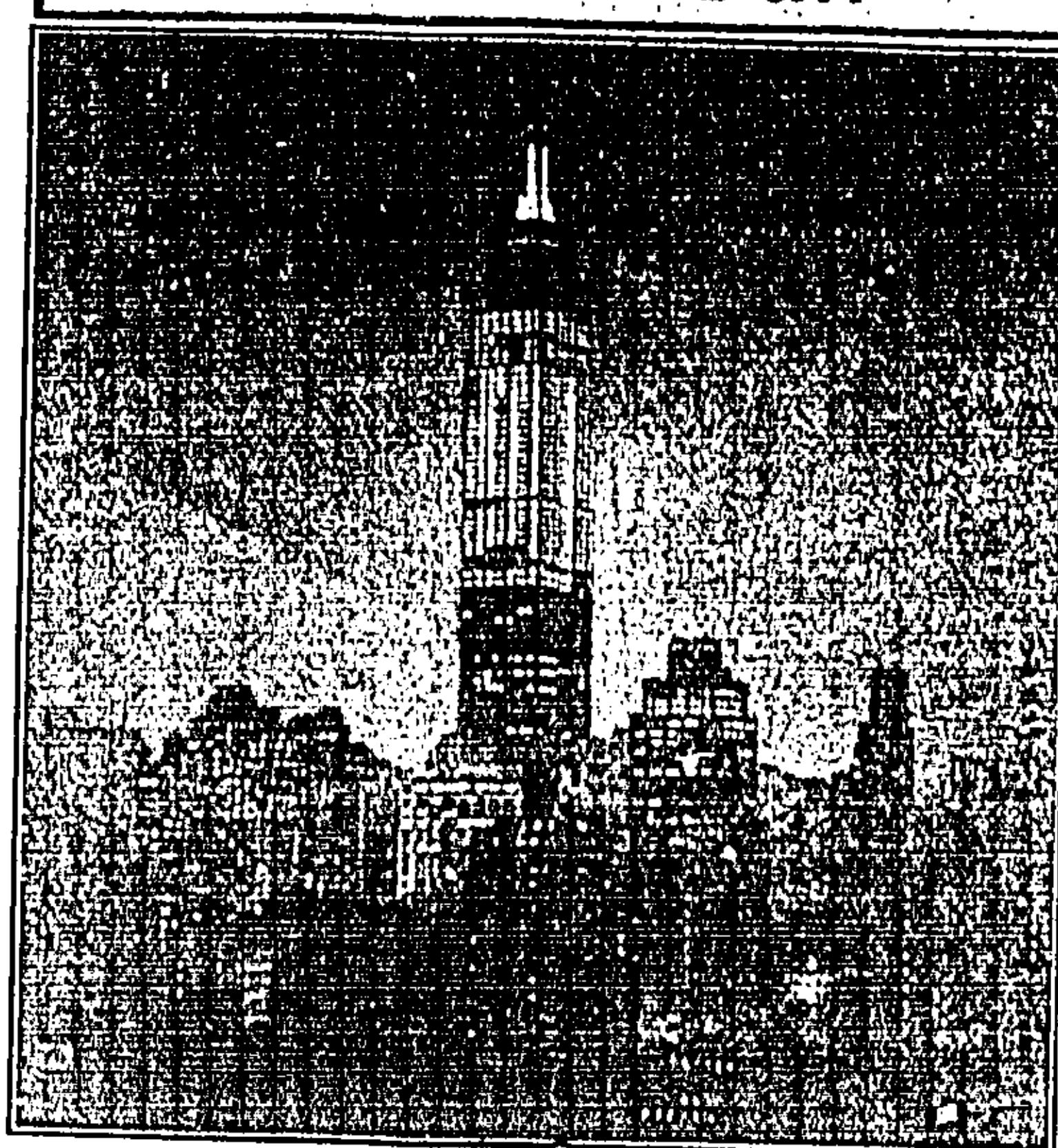
POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



The SNAPSHOT GUILD

THE LIGHTS OF THE CITY



Gleaming lights against the night sky—an invitation to try time exposures with the prospect of striking results.

EVEN if flash bulbs are on the scarce side, there's no reason why our camera cannot have its "night life." Trouble is, some of us are so used to thinking in terms of flash photography that we forget the old, reliable time exposure method. To do so is a mistake. For time exposures are possible with the very simplest of cameras and they afford a means of taking striking, unusual pictures.

Only a few rules need be remembered and of these the most important is to have the camera firmly supported so that camera movement may be avoided during longish exposures. This is fundamental. A second rule, and also an important one, is to avoid strong foreground lights. They will register so strongly that they will prevent your obtaining a clear picture of the scene which lies behind them.

However, it is not necessary for you to over-worry about moving lights such as car headlights. If they aim your way, all you need do is place your hat in front of the camera lens until they have passed on.

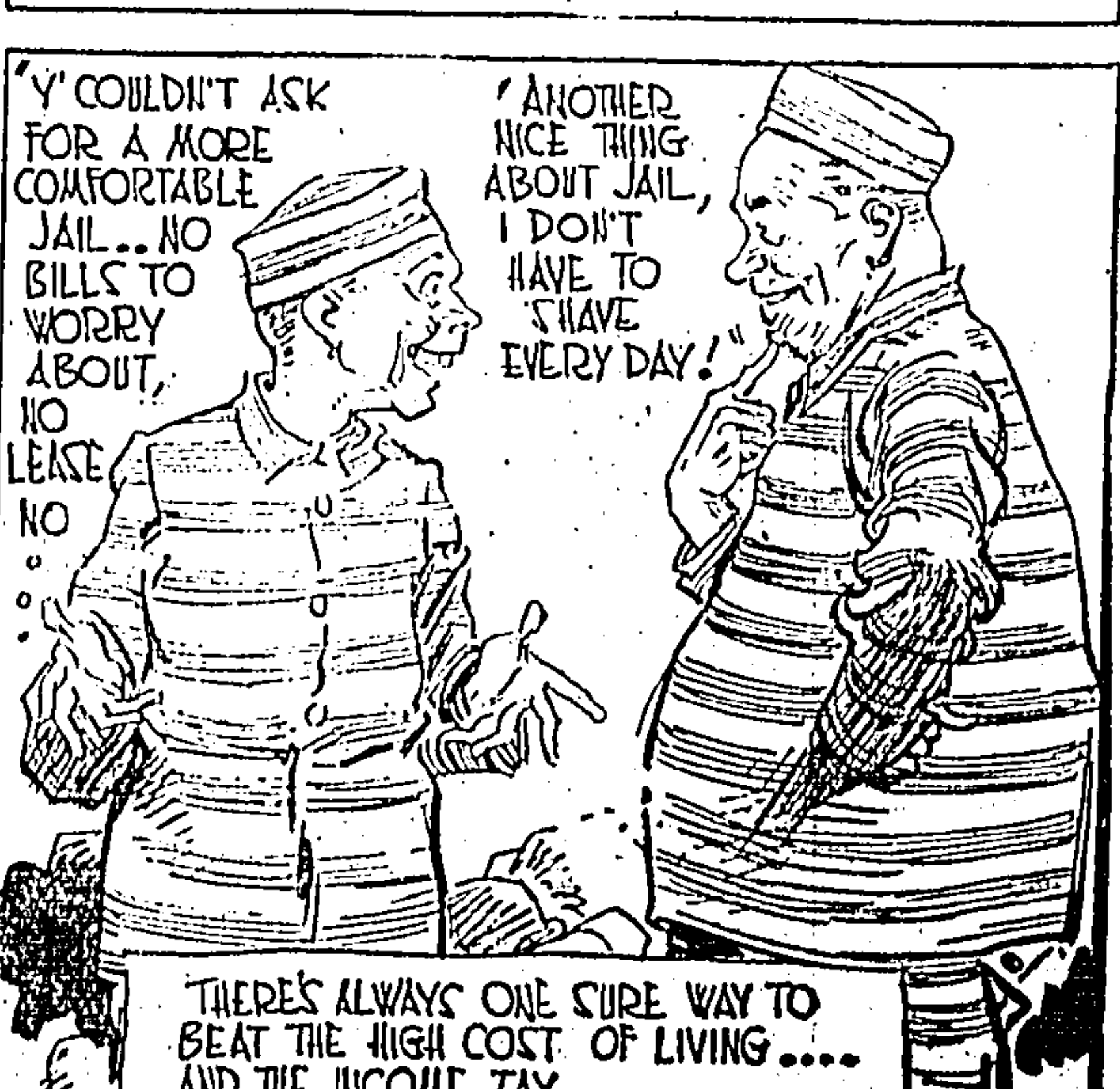
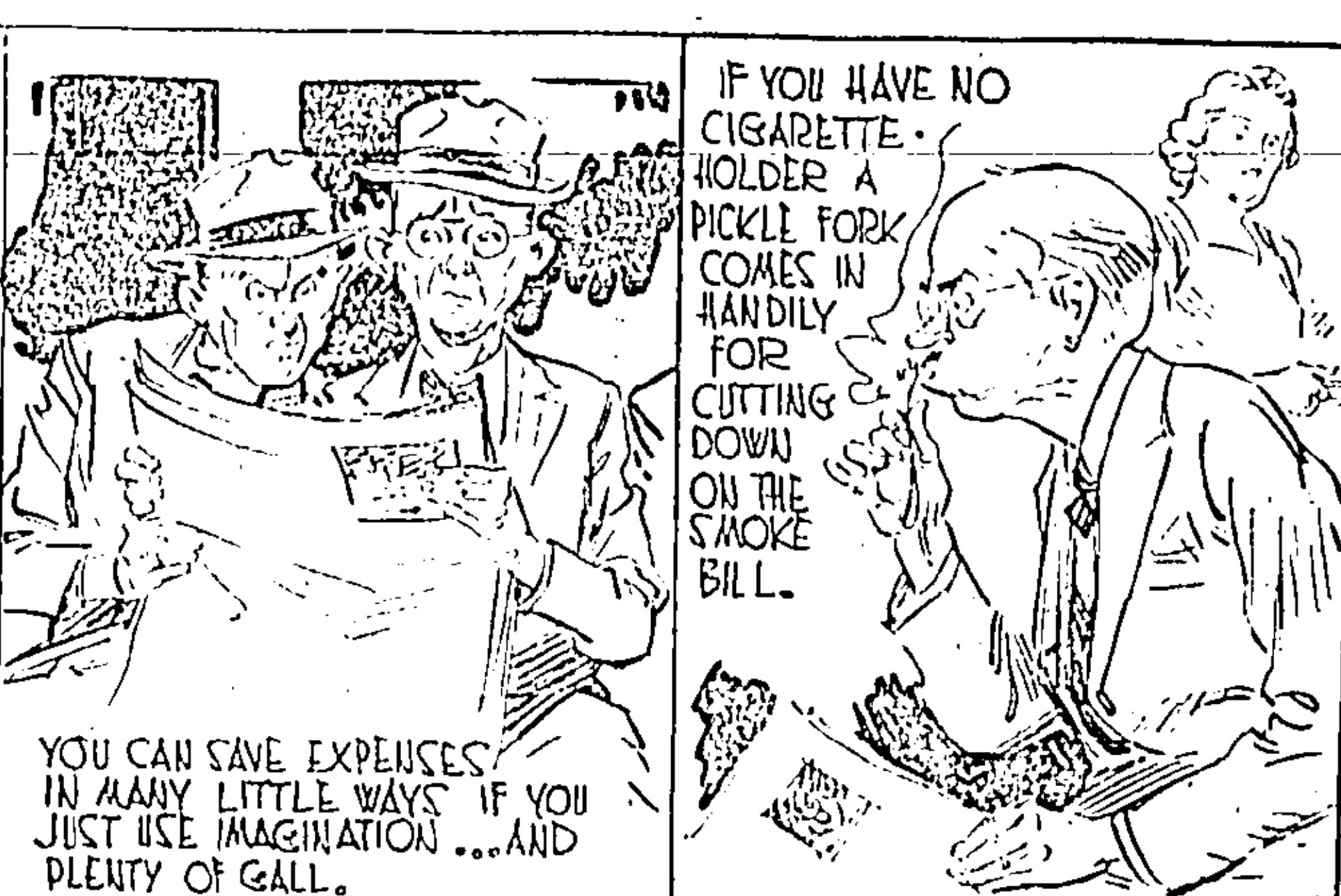
Where they are moving at a distance from the camera, they show only as streaks of light. Just as with pictures taken in daylight, composition is important. Be sure to include in your finder all you wish on your film. Only when you have done this are you ready to make your time exposure.

Unfortunately, there are no simple rules for after-dark time exposures. Exposure depends on the intensity of the light in a scene. A moonlit scene, for instance, will not require as much time as one taken when the sky's overcast. Today's picture was made with a five-minute exposure at an aperture of f/8.

Generally, however, exposures of from 20 seconds to 2 minutes should be sufficient. Longer exposures do little more than "burn" the highlights deeper on the film. And a safe system, when trying such pictures, is to take three exposures—one of them based on your estimate of the ideal time, one half that estimate, and one twice the amount. With wide latitude film, you should get what you seek.

John van Guilder.

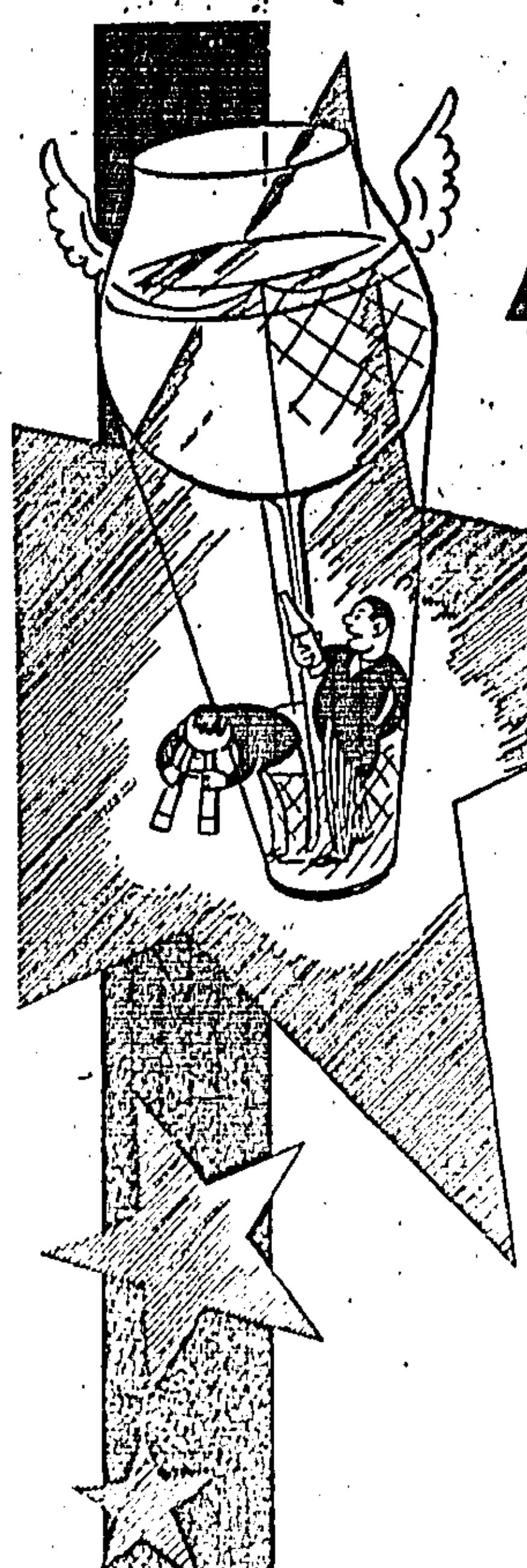
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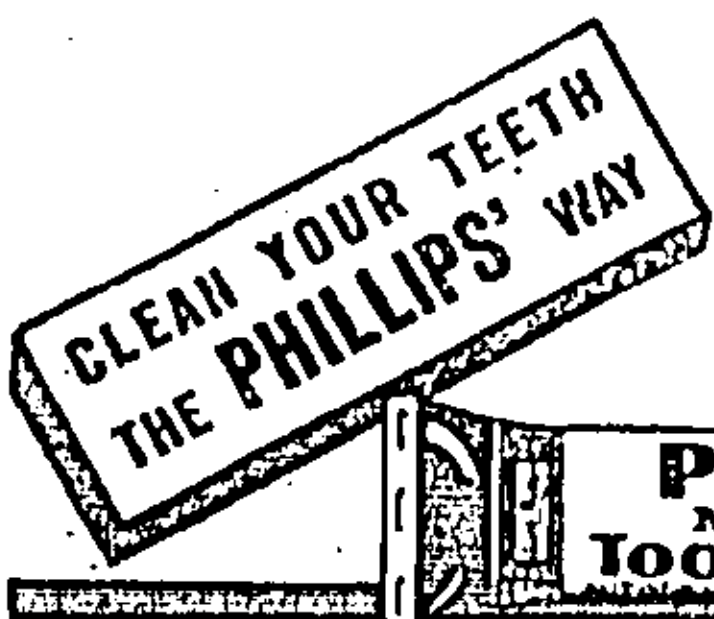
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Seeking Ideas For 1951 Show

"Imaginative ideas" are wanted for nation-wide centenary exhibitions to be held in 1951 to demonstrate the British contribution to civilisation.

Announcing preliminary plans in the Commons, Mr Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, said two main series of static exhibitions would set up—one on the lines of "Britain Can Make It," and dealing with industrial design, the second showing the part played by Britain in the development of science in industry.

At the same time the Arts Council would organise an Arts Festival of music, drama, opera and ballet, with exhibitions of painting, sculpture and photography.

Town planning, architecture, books and films will also be on show.

ARE YOU SURE? ANSWERS

Questions on Page 9

1. Mark Twain, whose real name was Samuel Langhorne Clemens, Mark Lemon, one of the founders of Punch. 2. Vikings. Berserks were warriors renowned for their fury in battle. 3. Iraq, minimum charge 75s. 4. A walnut; B. Gilbert; C. groundnut; D. almond; E. cheap music hall. 6. The Princess, a Medley, by Tennyson. 7. Multiply. New Testament has 27 books. 8. Tenth month, in the Roman calendar. 9. Writers. 10. Sultan.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.
Across: 1. Melodrama; 8. Axis; 10. Oath; 11. Kolow; 13. Fern tree; 14. Fret-saw; 17. Adopt; 19. Lure; 20. Retention; 21. Retort.

Down: 1. Make merry; 2. Ex-officer; 3. Literal; 4. Down; 5. Rante; 6. Ate; 7. Argentine; 9. Sore; 12. New plot; 15. Turn; 16. Suet; 18. Omit.

Two new books tell tales of two noted men

① Boothby's 'faith' after 23 years an M.P.

by GORDON SEWELL

IT was Sir Basil Zaharoff who urged Robert Boothby to go into politics.

"Begin on the Left," advised the aged armaments king, "and then, if necessary, move gradually over to the Right."

Young Boothby, a middle-of-the-road Liberal, was shocked. And after 23 years in Parliament he remains "a Liberal who happens to have joined the Conservatives," a Tory progressive often in trouble with the party Whips.

"In his autobiography, 'I FIGHT TO LIVE' (Gollancz, 21s.), published today, he hangs the chronicle and discussion of great events upon the thread of personal experience. At Oxford he found himself with Beverley Nichols, Lord David Cecil, Anthony Eden, Robert Graves, and an earnest high Tory named John Strachey. His political mentors were Birkenhead, Lloyd George, Churchill.

He looks beyond the "isms" to "a workable synthesis between peace and power, collectivism and individualism."

His convictions? Dick Crossman's description of Eden might be applied to Boothby: "A peculiarly British type, the idealist without convictions." For Boothby hates dogma ("To hell with it"), shares the sceptical, tolerant humanism of the last post-war Oxford generation, and would gladly be an anarchist "if I thought life would be livable under conditions of anarchism."

But if there are no certainties, there is room for faith—faith in the free and aspiring spirit of man.

Warning

FOR Boothby the enemy is the political theorist with a textbook conception of man. And he warns the Tories against the blandishments of doctrine, tells them to make expediency their watchword, unprejudiced opportunism their method.

His long-term objective? No blueprint Utopia, obviously, but "a property-owning democracy, founded on social justice, an organic unity of the State, of private enterprise, of managers, technicians, and manual workers in the productive process. Responsibility, not privilege."

Boothby has a habit of being right. He was right about the American Loan and the "Gradgrind mercantilism" which goes along with it. ("What this Loan Agreement does, as Lord Beaverbrook has forcibly pointed out, is . . . to break up, and prise open . . . the markets of the British Empire, for the benefit of American industrialists.")

He was right about the Nazi menace when our statesmen were still talking about further disarmament, right in his determination to seek co-operation with Russia. Is he right when he advocates a Western Federal Union as the best way of averting a third world war? Winston Churchill thinks so. If Boothby errs here, it is in good company.

Beyond the 'isms'

HE always timed his travels well. Capt. in the 'twenties meant Norman Douglas, D. H. Lawrence, and Compton Mackenzie. Moscow in the thirties brought fantastic interviews with Karl Radek on the eve of the purge. The list grows to include Hitler, Benes, Litvinov, Stalin.

A life of rich experience. What does Boothby (Tory, Aberdeen E. 1945, Maj.: 2372)—make of it all?



BOOTHBY—23 years

FROM HERE AND THERE:

DIVINER AT DEVENTER

Amsterdam.—After the excitement in Holland over the telepathic stunts at Scheveningen some weeks ago, the Dutch are now admiring William Hulsegge of Brussels who, with a divining rod, discovered a 2,000-lb unexploded bomb near the railway line at Deventer, in East Holland.

The bomb fell in 1944, and the technicians could not find it. The whole neighbourhood went in continual fear of an explosion, and the railway company, for reasons of safety, laid a special track to avoid the dangerous spot.

Finally the management yielded to the pressure to try out the divining rod and contacted Hulsegge, who immediately indicated the spot where the bomb was hidden. The diggers became sceptical when nothing was found at 22 feet depth, but Hulsegge urged them to go on, saying that the bomb was lying at a maximum of 45 feet. The bomb was finally located at just over 37 feet. It has now been rendered harmless.

RAFT-MEN MEET TRUMAN

Washington.—President Truman was one of the first to congratulate the five Norwegians and one Swede who last summer spent 101 days on a raft from Peru to Polynesia. Valuable scientific observations were made. Thor Heyerdahl, leader of the expedition, is starting a lecture tour in the United States. He will also prepare for publication a treatise he wrote before the war on Polynesia, complementing it with the knowledge gained by the recent expedition, the principal purpose of which was to prove that Polynesia was populated from America and not from Asia.

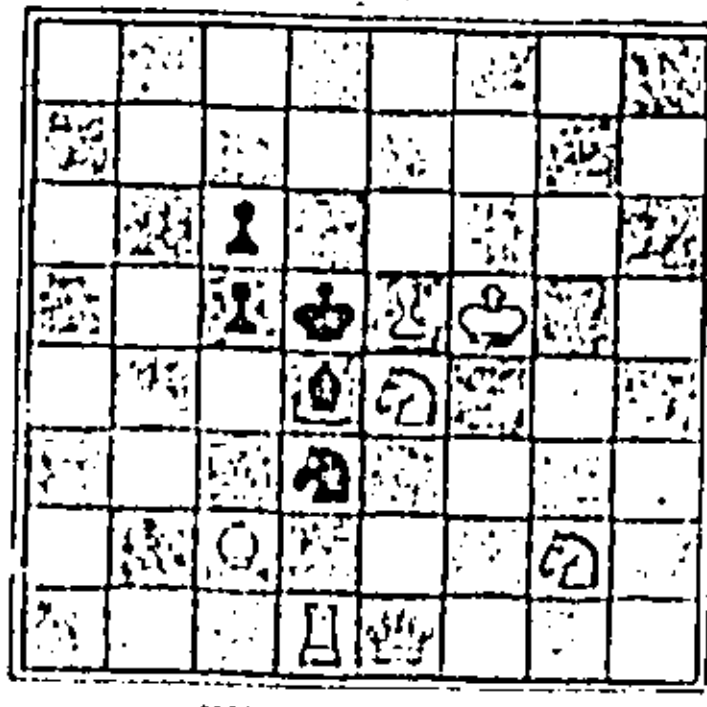
HUNTING SEASON

Toronto.—The first results of the opening of the duck-shooting season in British Columbia were five hunters killed—there in traffic accidents, one accidentally shot and one drowned.

NANCY Gauze and Effect



CHESS PROBLEM

By P. J. D. GETTING
Black, 5 pieces.

White, 7 pieces.
White to play and mate in three moves.

1. Q-KK2. 1. . . K-K5; 2. Q-Q3. 2. . . K-K4; 3. Q-Q3.

② H. E. Bates—model for a No. 1 author

by JOHN PUDNEY

I SERVED with H. E. Bates in the R.A.F. I have watched his spectacular recent output of fiction, most of it concerned with flying men.

Since the war he has been studying his house with chandeliers, glass paper-weights, good pictures and the magnificent fashions which he grows in a small greenhouse at the back.

Seeing him the other day in his country home near Ashford, Kent, I was struck by his tranquillity of mind, an assurance most rare in a man today.

People often ask whether such successful writers are born or just made. Short answer is that they are first born; the rest is just hard work.

A new room Bates has built for his own brand of hard work is as tasteful and elegant as a boudoir. Difficult to imagine a book like "THE PURPLE PLAIN" (Michael Joseph, 10s. 6d.) being written there in two months, in an armchair. (After writing some 30 books, Bates has given up using a desk.)

Early start

IS this the story of someone born for the job, or is it hard work? It looks to me like the proper balance between the two.

Bates's grandfather was a farm labourer. His father was an executive in a leather factory in the Midlands. At the age of 19, Bates resolved to write books.

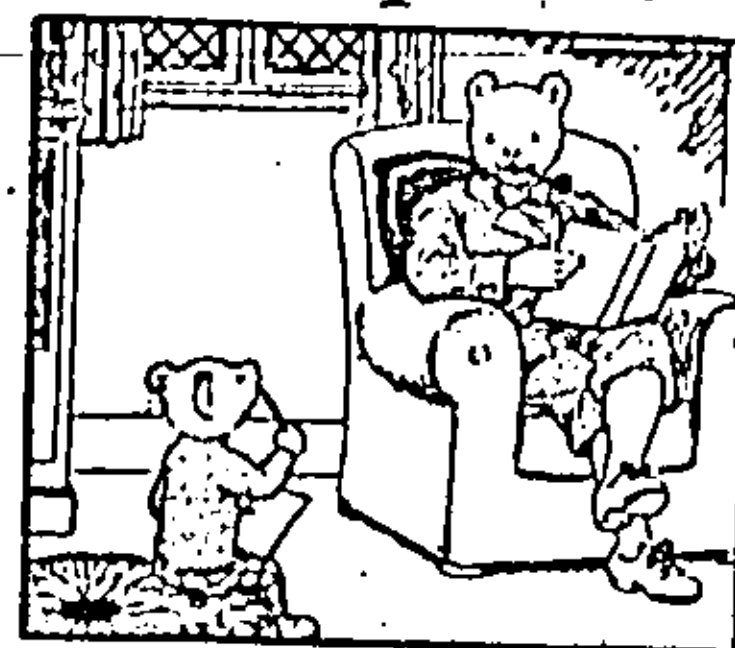
He made his early reputation, and began bringing up a family of four, by writing about the country which was in his blood. His children went to the village school (his two sons are still there). He became chairman of the parish council.

He did not frequent literary cliques of the cities, but he was no recluse. When his reputation spread to America between the wars he went there to meet publishers and editors. He went on writing about England and the English villages and small provincial towns, picking out the small people in vivid memorable language.

Rupert's Silver Trumpet—1

"You look worried, Rupert," says Mr. Bear one morning. "What's the matter?" Rupert sighs. "I'm writing to Santa Claus to ask for my Christmas present and I don't know what I want." "You must be in a very happy state," laughs his father. "I wish I was like that!" "No, I don't really mean that," says the little bear hurriedly. "I mean I don't know what I want most. I think I'll go for a walk and see if I can make up my mind."

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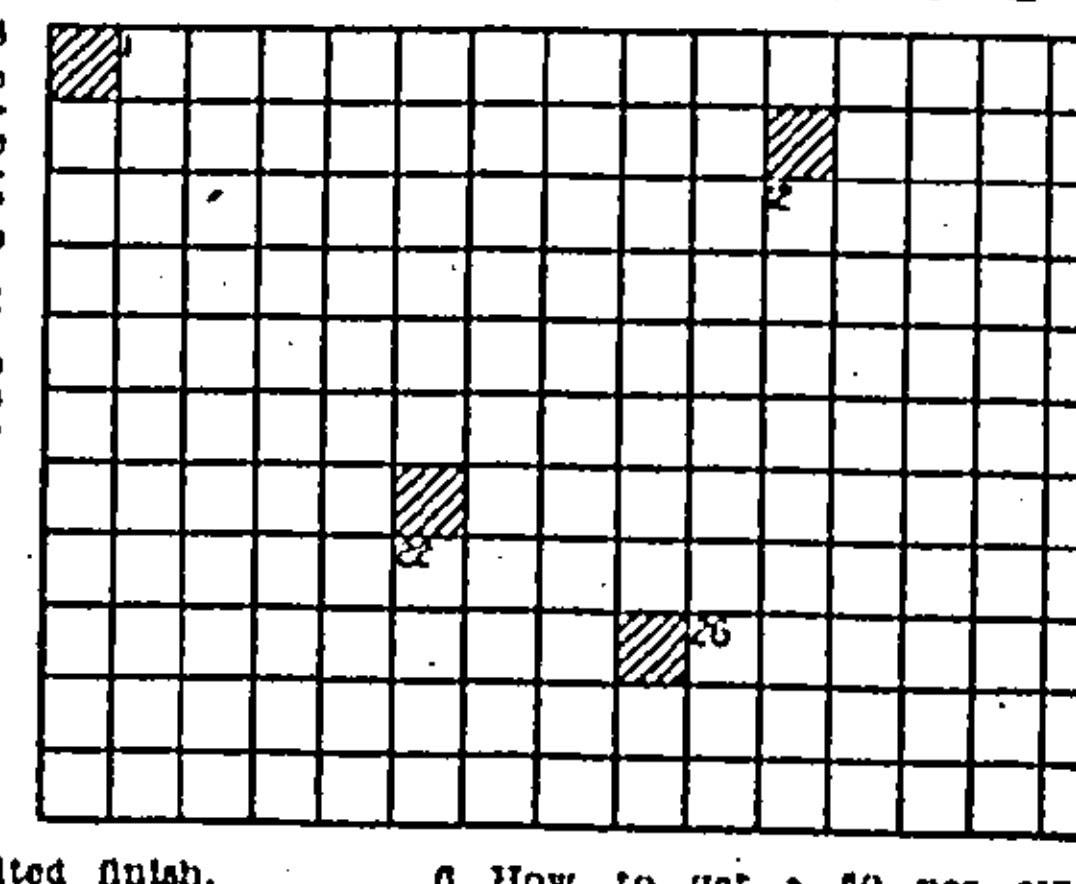
Skeleton Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- Game one might expect to see in a dog's den.
- Scale of dances.
- Writer who took a long time to finish his book.
- Large be found in basins.
- Constant producer of a new creation.
- Does this one contain you?
- Chief temper with spirited finish.
- In a Pullman, for example, there is considerable noise.
- Game played in a sambre.
- Used to get her inside to be introduced.
- She makes me halt.
- Language of the people.
- This is utterly kind!

CLUES DOWN

- Their work usually involves some hammering.
- A lupine omen?
- Final judgment of contrary disposition.
- She takes part in school games.
- How to get a 50 per cent. result (three words).
- The would-be member is certainly frank to admit with.
- A matter of deduction, maybe, but not subtraction.
- No come play is the foreign sort of way (three words).
- Multiple-headed fish.
- A mistake here is quite in order.
- Flooding students can always be made to pass, and.
- Some tuition will give you this case.
- Lamb without mint sauce!



In this crossword the black squares and clue numbers, as well as the words, are left for the solver to fill in. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start.

The pattern formed by the black squares is symmetrical: the top half of the pattern matches the bottom half and the two sides correspond. So you can fill in 12 more black squares at once to correspond with those in the top half.

Since there is no No. 1 Down the second square from the left in line 2 and the three corresponding ones can be filled in. The down clue corresponding to No. 12 is No. 10, therefore 2 and 4 across must be in the same line and be of equal length.

No words of two letters are used except in phrases.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

MUSKETEER
LITIGANT
DAVID
SEXTON
TUPPERS
APARTMENT
NEET
HULLAND
VOIDER
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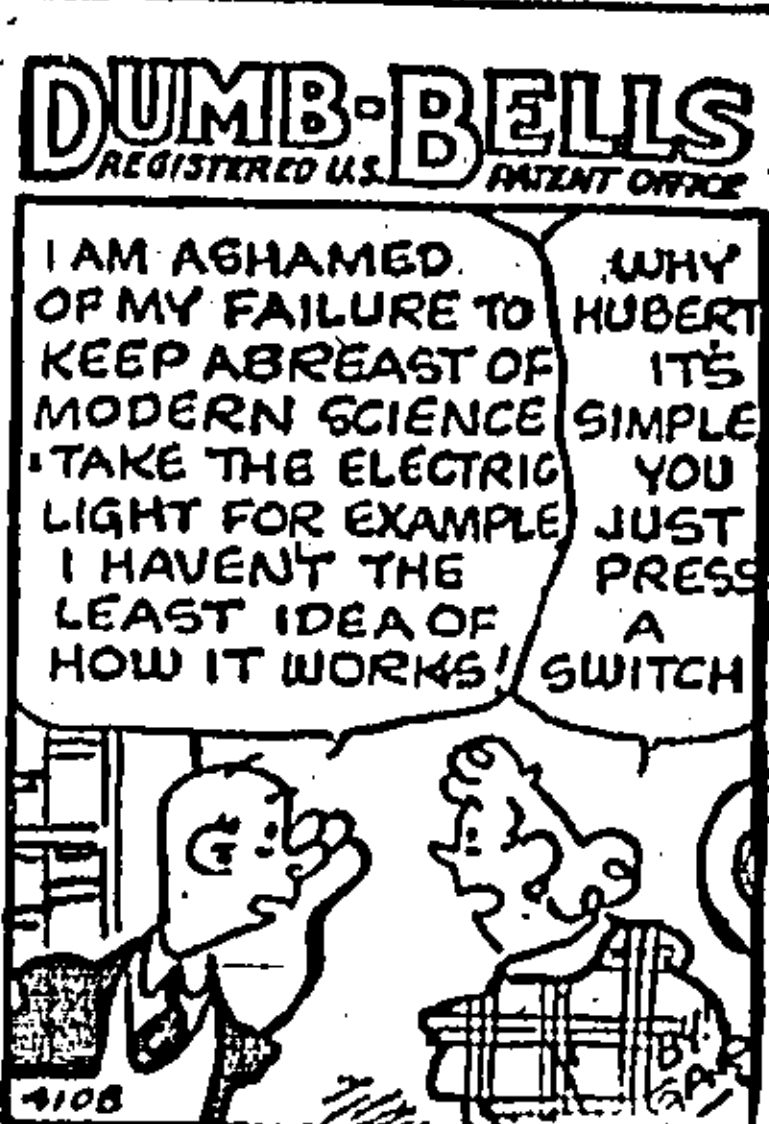
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WHY HUBERT? ITS SIMPLE. YOU JUST PRESS A SWITCH.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Sound Reasoning Leads To Big Slam

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

MEETINGS of the National Laws Commission are always a good source of bridge hands. This committee meets once a week to discuss the workability of the laws of contract bridge and possible changes that have been suggested. When the discussion of laws lags, someone starts to talk about a bridge hand.

Lee Hazen of New York brought up today's interesting. He and his partner were using an ace-showing response to two-bids, so when North responded with two no trump, all Hazen knew was that he did not have the ace of clubs.

Hazen now could have bid three hearts or even three diamonds. But he said that if he bid three hearts he felt that his partner's response

75	Q8642	002	002
943	Q842	002	002
97	Q842	002	002
Q874	Q842	002	002
AQ93	Q842	002	002
	W N E S		
	Dealer		
	Hazen		
	AKQJ10		
	AK105		
	AK103		
	None		
	Tournament—Neither vul.		
South	West	North	East
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
7♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
			22

would be four clubs. In that case Hazen could have bid four diamonds and North would then take a choice of one of the three suits South had bid.

However, if North by any chance could bid hearts or diamonds freely, Hazen thought he had a pretty good gamble for passing. That was his reason for bidding three spades, and it paid big dividends when his partner responded with four hearts. Hazen knew that he had five hearts, and the bid of seven hearts was automatic.

Some of those at the meeting did not agree at first with Hazen's bid of three spades, though they were inclined to do so when he explained his reasoning. However, Waldemar von Zedtwitz pointed out that North might have had four small spades and the queen of hearts or queen of diamonds. With such a holding, a sure small slam would be in the making, yet it might have been difficult to bid.

It is nice to pick up big cards, but as P. H. Sims once remarked, don't let them wreck you, make them work for you. Don't start to bid a big hand blindly. Have a sound line of reasoning such as Lee Hazen explained on this hand.

TELEGRAPH WEEK-END PICTORIAL



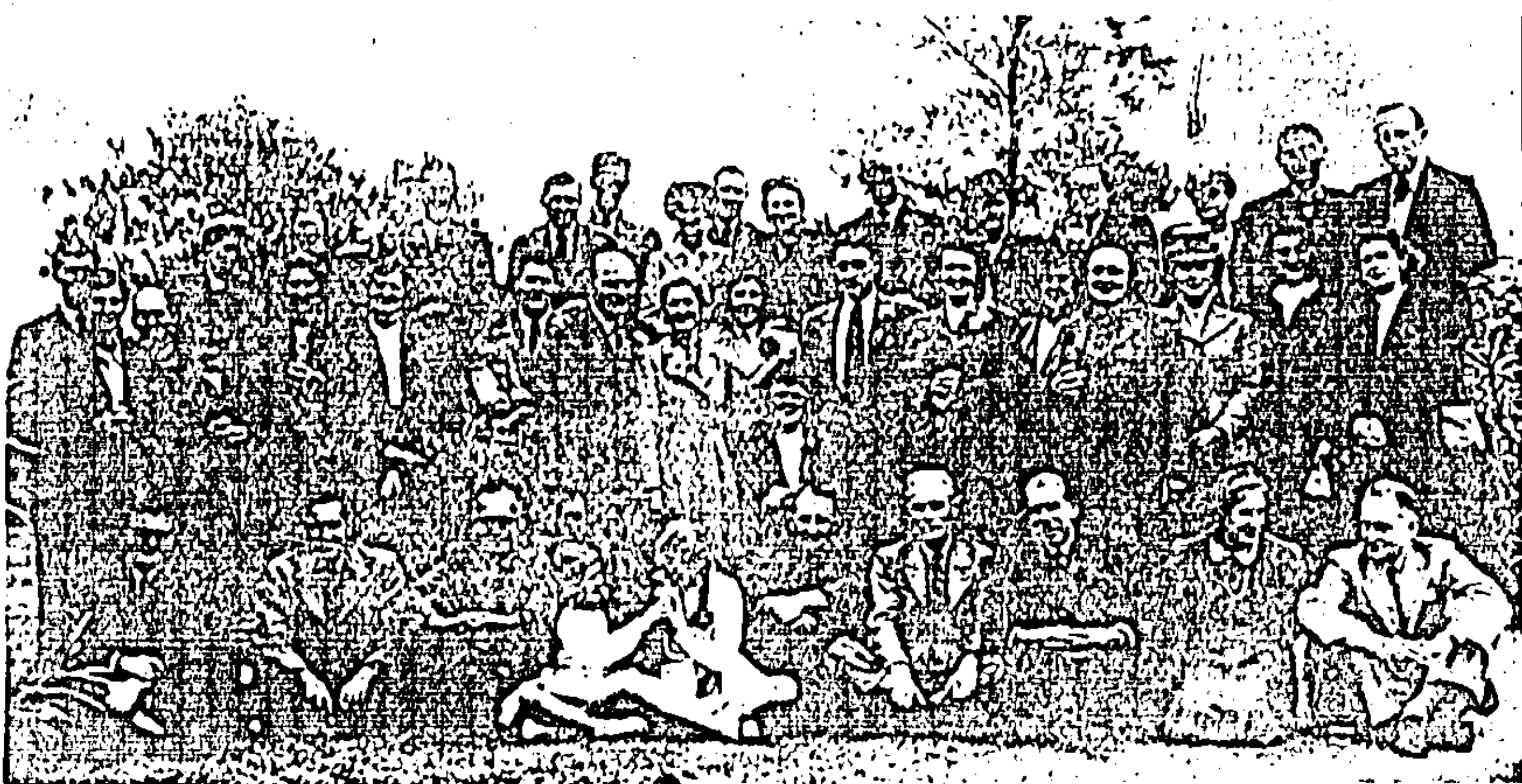
THE Kowloon Rotary Club was inaugurated last week at a luncheon meeting held in the Peninsula Hotel. Many officials and members of the Hongkong Rotary Club attended. Picture shows Mr F. C. Clemo, President of the new Club, addressing the gathering. (Photo: Golden Studio)



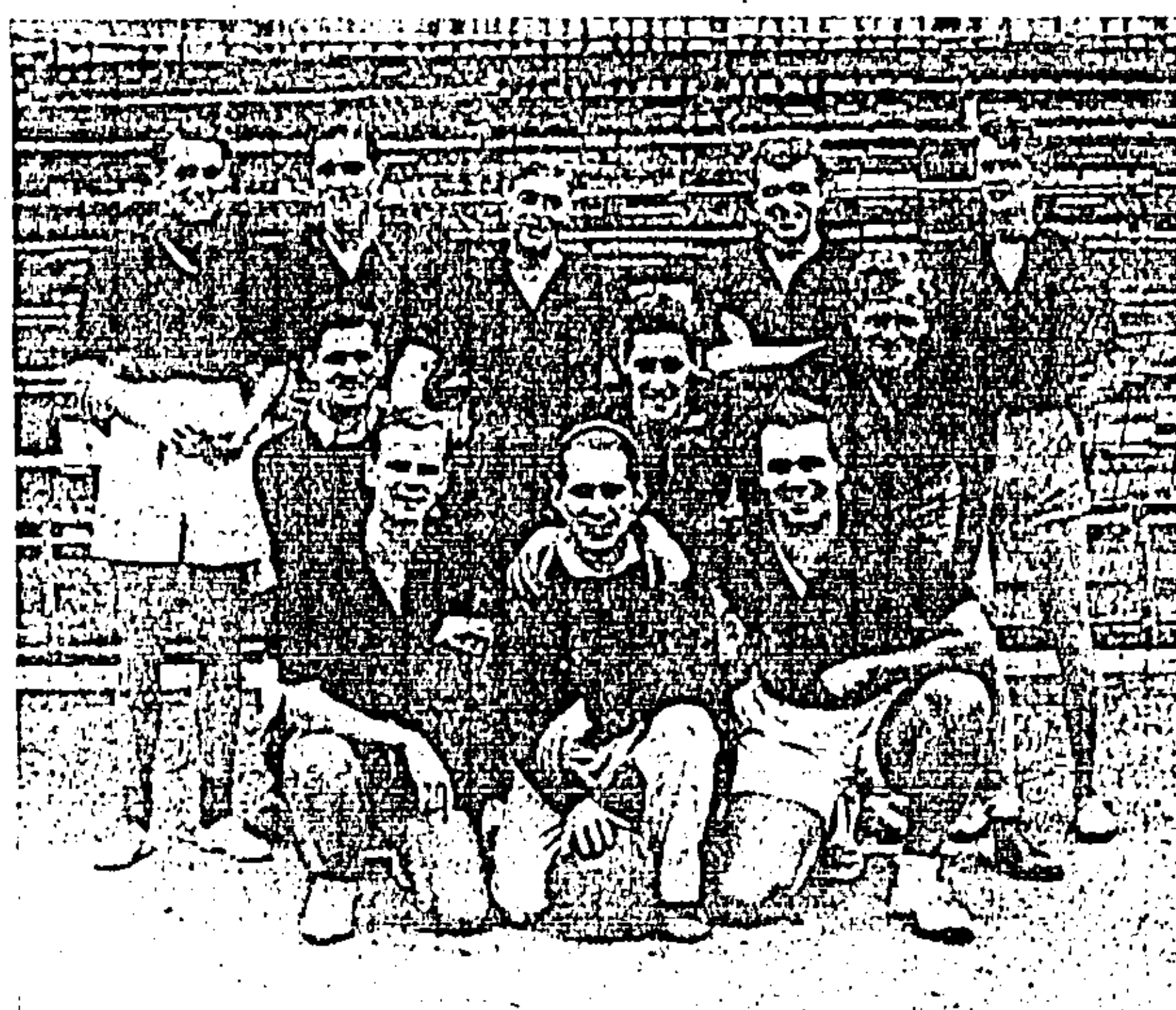
MR Stanley Abbott Ombler and Miss Gloria June Moss were married on Thursday, February 5, which coincided with the Silver Wedding anniversary of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs A. J. R. Moss. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



OVER 700 children had a happy time at Gun Club Hill last week when a party was given by the Kowloon Branch of the Society for the Protection of Children. In the picture, men of the 25 Field Regiment, R.A., are seen taking some of the children for a jeep ride. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



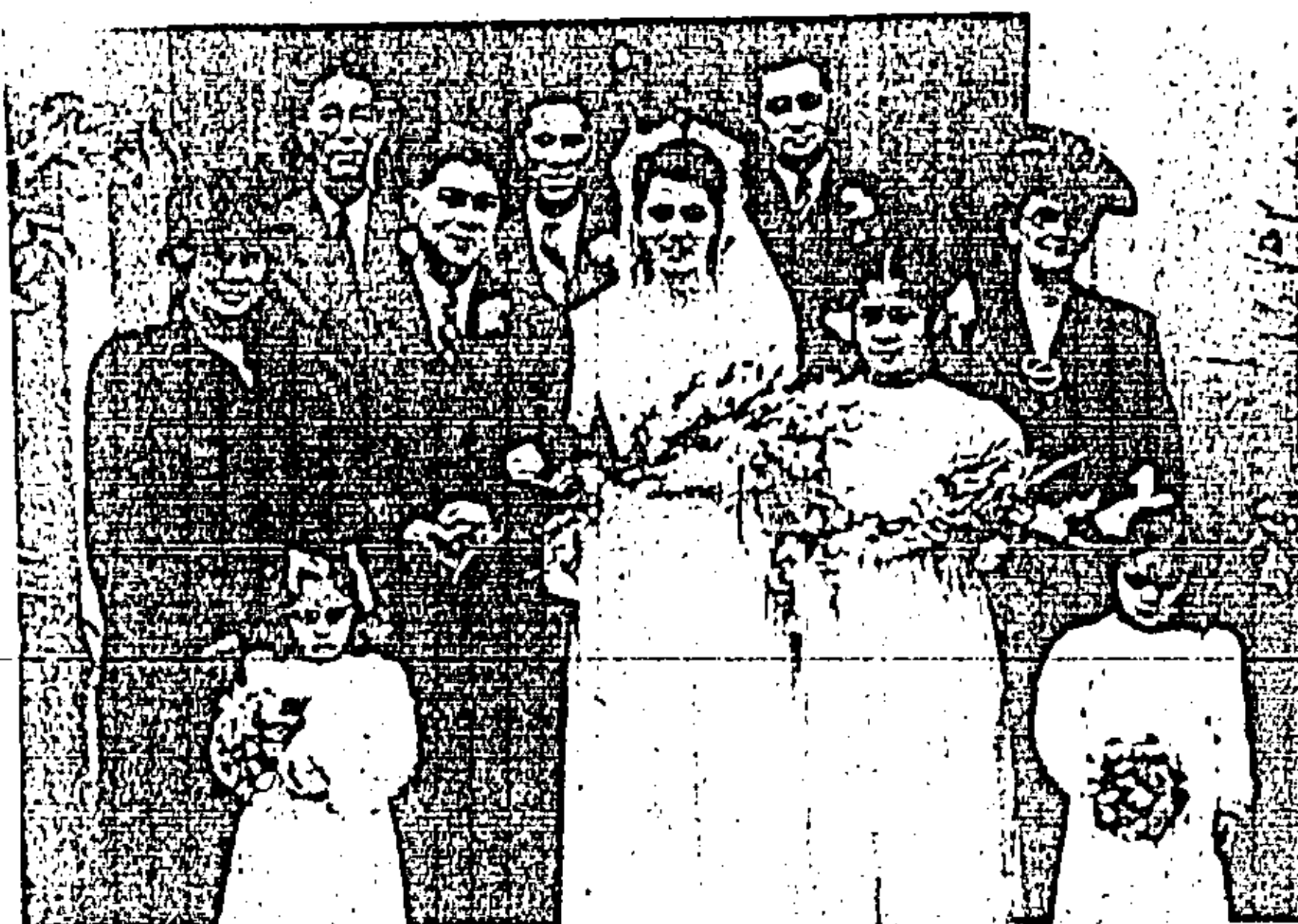
A HAPPY group photographed in the grounds of Mr B. C. Field's residence at Shok-O last Saturday on the occasion of the marriage of Mr Kenneth John Attwell and Miss Helena May Beavis, who are ninth and tenth from left in the centre row. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



A friendly tussle on the football field between local Danes and Norwegians last Sunday morning, was followed in the afternoon by an aquatic competition and a beach relay race at Repulse Bay. The Norwegians won the "Olympic" battle by the odd point in five. Left: the Norwegian team; above: the Danes. (Photos: Golden Studio)



MR Albert Iveson Cash and his bride, formerly Miss Stella Ada Skelding, who were married at St John's Cathedral last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



GROUP taken after the wedding at the Rosary Church last Saturday between Mr F. T. D'Aquino and Miss S. M. Sequeira. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

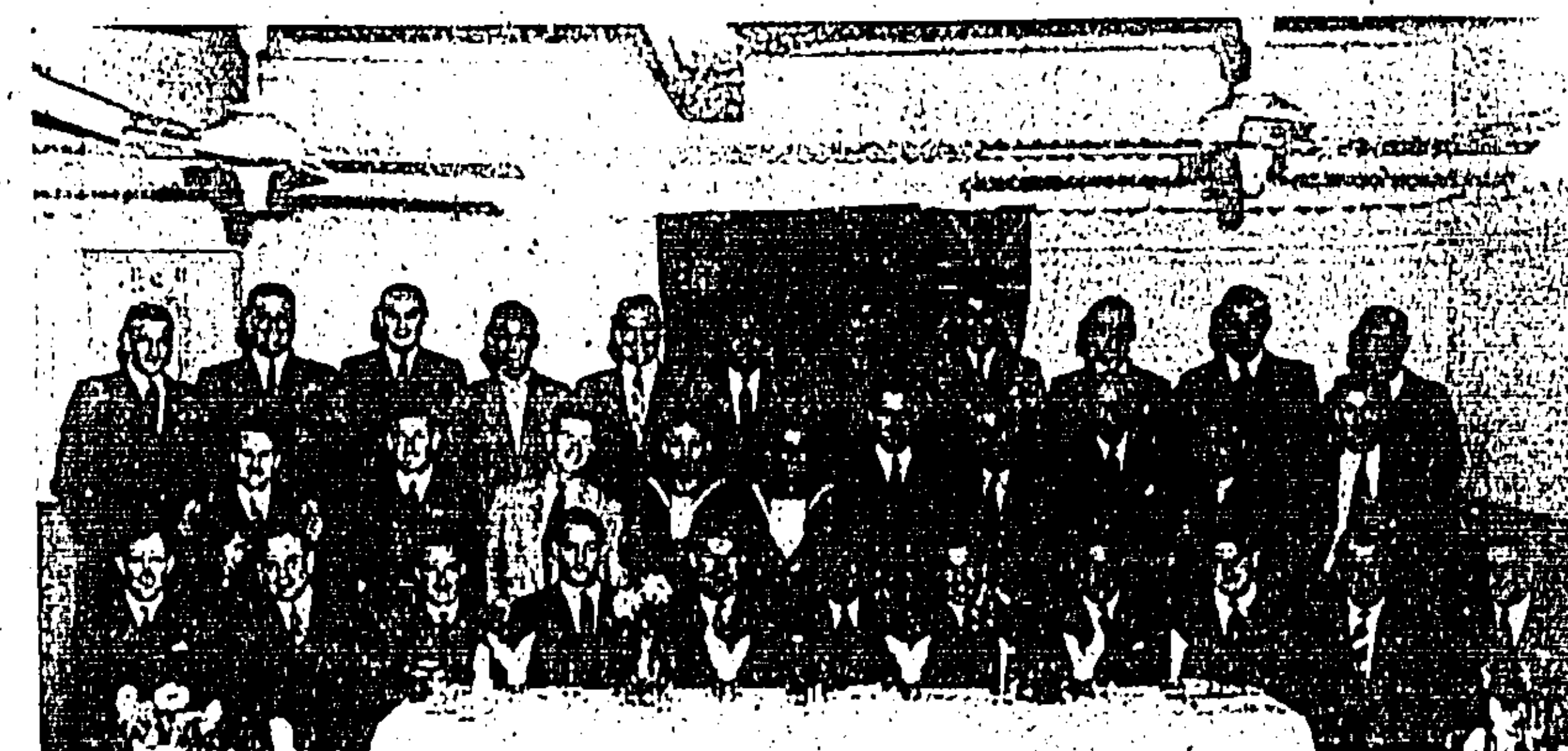
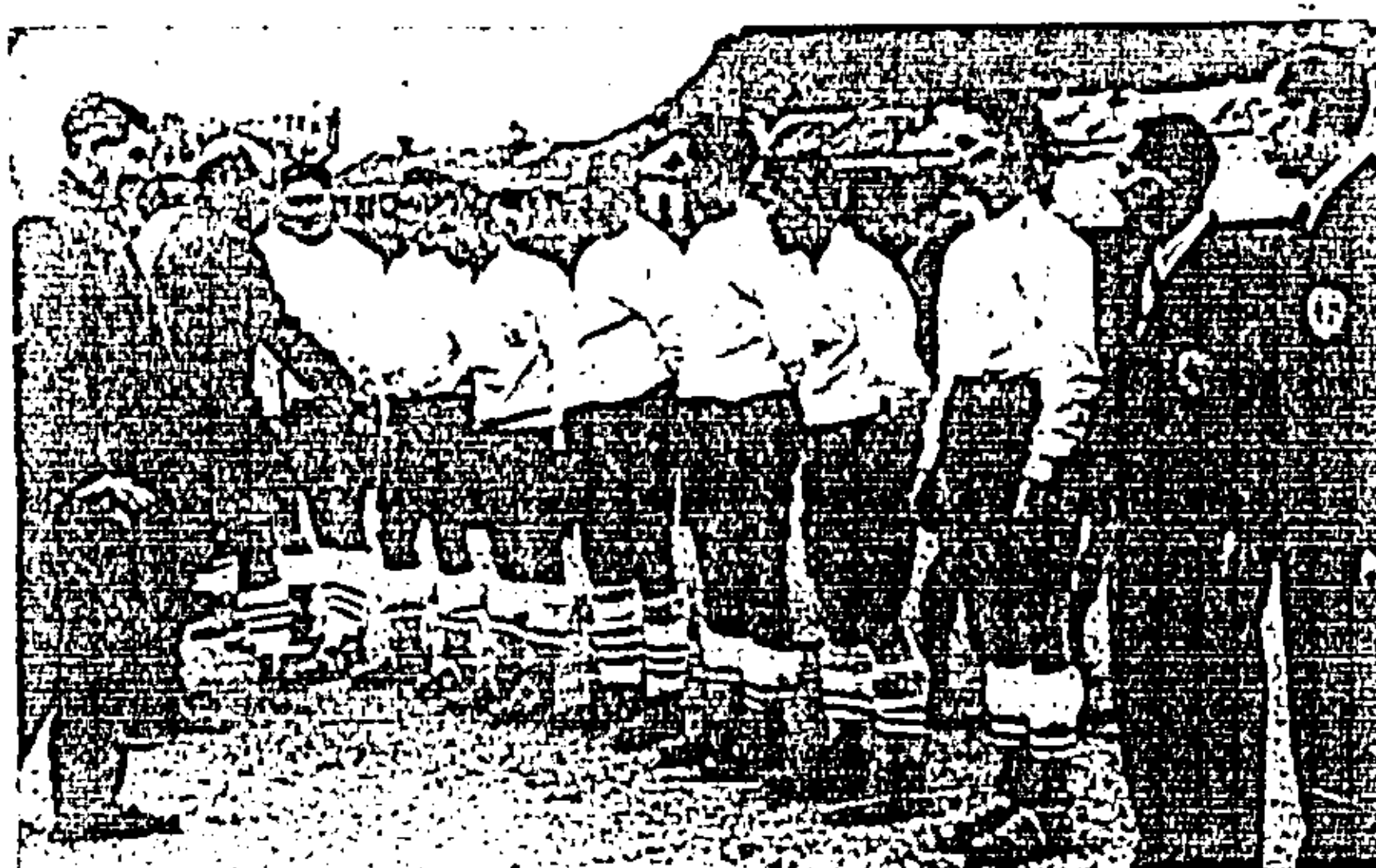


MR Thomas Alexander Pearce and his bride, formerly Miss Nina Quin, photographed with their attendants and friends after their wedding last week at St Joseph's Church. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

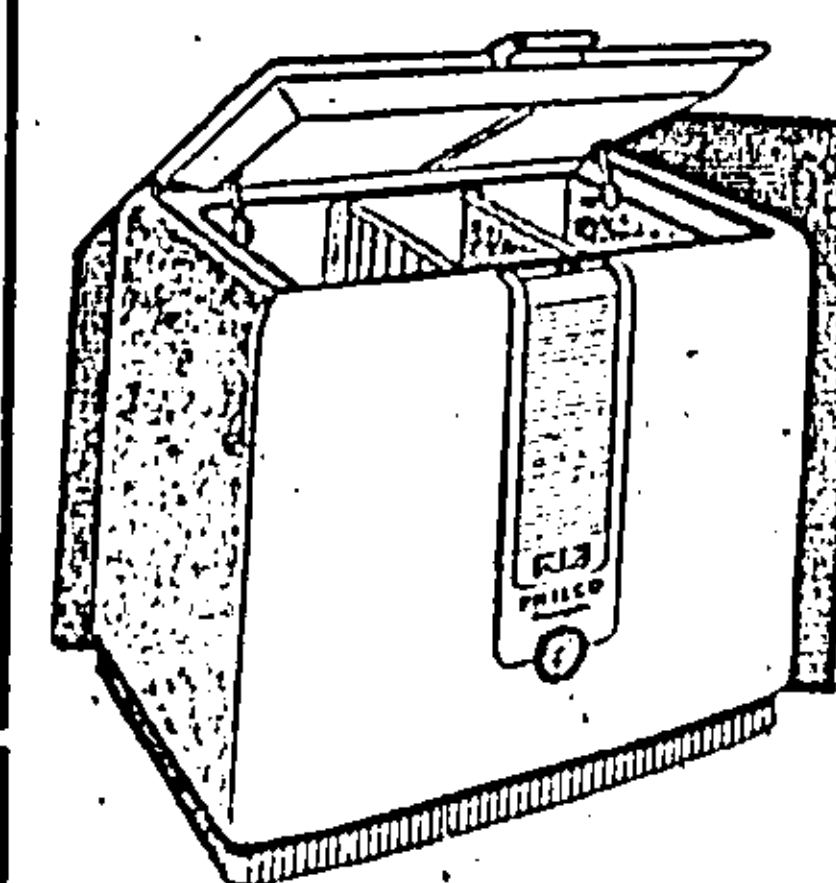


MR AND MRS William Lem photographed after their recent wedding at the Kowloon Baptist Church. The bride was formerly Miss Tso Wai-shung. (Photo: Mainland Studio)

MEMBERS of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association hold their annual dinner at the Luk Kwok Hotel last Saturday. Right: Photo taken during the function. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, shaking hands with members of the Shanghai interport football team before their match with Hongkong on Chinese New Year's Day. Hongkong won by 5-1. (Photo: Golden Studio)



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PARLEY ON ANTARCTIC POLICY

London, Feb. 13.—Senior officials of the Foreign Office met today to discuss British Antarctic policy in the light of the two latest notes received from Chile and Argentina. It was learned from a usually reliable source.

Like Argentina, Chile has rejected the British protest lodged last December against the establishment of a base on British-claimed and administered territory in the Antarctic Falkland Island Dependencies, and also Britain's suggestion that the matter might be referred to the International Court at The Hague.

Unlike Argentina, with which the recent exchange of notes on rival claims to the Falkland Dependencies were published last week end, Chile has made no counter-proposal for reference to an international conference in the latest reply to Britain dated January 31.—Reuter.

CHINESE WARNING ON GENOCIDE

Lake Success, Feb. 13.—One of the Chinese delegates to the United Nations today accused the American press of a "tendency to recreate the pretty, lovable type of picture postcard Japan and the Japanese people."

Mr. P. C. Chang, delegate to the Economic and Social Council, said: "Those who have manipulated this dangerous tendency must have reasons of their own."

He warned that such press treatment of the defeated Japanese—who he charged with a gigantic attempt at genocide—against his countrymen—should be guarded against lest it lead to a "tragic repetition of the tragic past."

The brief outburst, the chief points of which Mr. Chang carefully repeated so that the exact words could not be misqu岸ed, occurred as the Economic and Social Council discussed the problem of drawing up an international convention against genocide—the crime of destroying a racial, national or religious group.

"Only tragic memories prompt me to speak now," Mr. Chang said. He then mentioned the rape of Nanking and other incidents, which he labelled "frightful bestialities."

He also accused the Japanese of using narcotics in wartime in an attempt to destroy the Chinese, and expressed the hope that the projected convention against genocide would refer specifically to the use of narcotics as a means of perpetrating such a crime.—United Press.

FIGURE SKATING CHAMPION

Davos, Platz, Feb. 13.—Richard Dutton of the United States today won the world figure skating championship.

The defending champion, Hans Gerschwiler of Switzerland, was second.

Official results gave Dutton 1985.7 points and Gerschwiler 1948.5 points.

Ede Kirely, Hungary, was third with 1917.9 points, fourth was John Lettin Garver of the United States with 1909.8 points, fifth James Grogan, USA, and sixth H. Graham Sharp, England, 1909.9 points.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN PURCHASES FROM BRITAIN

ORDERS BEING PLACED

London, Feb. 13.—Amid the noisy diplomatic battle between East and West, Russia has quietly opened negotiations in London for multi-million-dollar purchases of British industrial and scientific equipment to implement the recent Anglo-Russian trade pact.

Senate Votes Money For Europe Aid

Washington, Feb. 13.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today voted for a four-year European recovery programme to be started with US\$5,300,000,000 for the first year.

Chairman Arthur Vandenberg announced that the Committee voted 13 to 0 to recommend the smaller figure for the 12 months rather than the US\$8,000,000,000 which the Administration asked for the programme's first 15 months.

The reason behind shortening the time, Vandenberg told newsmen, is to enable Congress "at the earliest possible moment to make a realistic review of the recovery programme."

Go Ahead Signal

Washington, Feb. 13.—Two days ago, Mr. John Hickerson, an official of the State Department's Division of European Affairs, advised Lord Inverchapel and M. Henri Bonnet, the British and French Ambassadors, that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings were drawing to a close.

Mr. Hickerson informed them that the United States Government considers it appropriate for the European nations to plan on the basis of the preliminary draft bill indicating that one aspect of Congressional opinion might be ready by the end of this month.

The State Department spokesman said that this statement could be regarded as a signal to the European nations to go ahead. It constituted a reversal of the stand taken by Mr. Robert Lovett, the Under-Secretary of State, some weeks ago.

Diplomatic officials said that it was expected that Mr. Bevin and M. Bidault would issue invitations for a new conference about March 1 or shortly after.

Some Anxiety

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is making quicker progress than was expected in its drawing up of the European recovery programme bill and may have it in final form by the end of next week.

On the fact of that section of the bill concerning the conditions which would be imposed on European nations receiving aid, it is now considered that evidence of Europe's determination to co-operate will assist in getting the final bill through Congress.

The State Department was under no compulsion to feed any anxiety to European nations, take any action which might prejudice Congressional opinion and efforts will be made to keep the agenda of a recovered conference within strict limits.—Reuter.

West Indies Score 447 For Six

Port of Spain, Feb. 13.—At the close of play on the third day of the second Test match here, West Indies had scored 447 for six wickets in reply to England's first innings total of 362.—Reuter.

Authoritative Soviet sources said the permanent Russian trade delegation here had opened negotiations with representatives of British industries and the Board of Trade for placing orders within the scope of the agreement.

Soviet experts were summoned from Moscow to advise the delegation in negotiations, and other experts will be called as the necessity arises.

The biggest order is expected to be placed with a North England locomotive works—an order for 1,000 narrow gauge locomotives, estimated to cost some US\$30,000,000, according to British business quarters. Delivery would be over a 32-month period.

Britain does not guarantee delivery dates, but, it is said, would facilitate "in every possible" arrangements of Soviet contracts with British firms for engineering and other equipment.

List Of Purchases

The official list of items Russia intends to purchase includes 1,100 narrow gauge locomotives, US\$5,500,000 worth of electric and laboratory apparatus, 2,400 flat trucks, 2,400 winches, 2,100 excavators, 54 caterpillar loading cranes, 14 tugboats, four dredges, 24 steam power turbine stations, US\$4,000,000 worth of plywood equipment, US\$1,500,000 worth of timber mill equipment, culture transformers and 50-kilowatt mobile diesel electric generators, 10 sets of oil purifying apparatus and 300 of 100,000-kilowatt electric motors.

The contracts will be spread over a period of two to four years, but will be arranged before May 1.—United Press.

Tobacco By Barter

London, Feb. 13.—Yugoslavia has offered Britain substantial quantities of tobacco on a barter arrangement, a Yugoslav spokesman said tonight.

It is understood that the Board of Trade would allow Yugoslav officials to approach British manufacturers direct and, in case of a satisfactory contract, would grant import licences.—Reuter.

Anglo-Belgian Pact

London, Feb. 13.—A further examination of the sterling situation between Britain and Belgium has postponed the initialing of the Anglo-Belgian agreement which was reached in London last week.

Mr. H. Ellis, head of the British delegation, is now in Brussels to negotiate some form of agreement whereby Belgium's acceptance of sterling from third countries would be strictly limited.

A Belgian spokesman said today that it was "only a question of days" before the new Anglo-Belgian agreement was signed.

Details, however, are not expected to be available until eight days after the agreement has been initialled.—Reuter.

BURMA CRISIS DISCOUNTED

Rangoon, Feb. 14.—Ko Ko Gyi, Burmese Socialist Party president, today discounted persistent reports that a political crisis is looming in Burma.

He said: "At present Burma is passing through a transition period, but that is all."

Ko Ko Gyi said he had no knowledge that Prime Minister Thakin Nu intended to resign, as reported in the Burmese press.—Associated Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels post close 10 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. Mail close before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Peking, Swatow, Tainan, Amoy, Kunming and Calcutta, 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Macao, Tsimshian & Shekai (Sea) 2 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.
Manila, Colombo and Marseilles (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tsimshian & Shekai (Sea) 4 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) (Sea) 5 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Closing Times By Air
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 10 a.m.
Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tainan, Peking, Tsingtao, Kunming and Kweilin, 10 a.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Macao, Tsimshian & Shekai (Sea) 8 a.m.
Macao, Tsimshian & Shekai (Sea) 10 a.m.
Canton (Train) 10 a.m.
Hankow (Sea) 10 a.m.
Foochow, Shanghai, Swatow and Hongkong (Sea) 10 a.m.
Haiphong and Peking (Sea) 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg.); 9.30 a.m. (ord.). Manila, 11.30 a.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Peking, Canton, Luchow, Kunming, Hothow and Swatow, 9.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.
Macao, Tsimshian & Shekai (Sea) 8 a.m.
Canada via Vancouver, U.C. (Parcels only) (Sea) 10 a.m.
Bangkok (Sea) 10 a.m.
Macao, Tsimshian & Shekai (Sea) 2 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Batavia and Haiphong (Sea) 2 p.m.
Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar (Sea) 3 p.m.
Manila, Mauritius, L. Marques, Delra & South Africa via Durban (Sea) 3 p.m.
Amoy (Sea) 4 p.m.



KWONG TUNG INQUIRY

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We made the following recommendations:

(a) That passage tickets be sold only at the Company's Offices or by their accredited Agents, and that practice of issuing such tickets either on the wharf or on board the vessel should be discontinued without delay.

(b) That when passengers are on board and the vessel alongside a wharf, all cargo port doors on the wharf side should be fully open and provided with level gangways covering either the full width of the cargo port or where ramps are used then the full width of the ramp. Such doors on the off side should be also open, or partly open, according to the weather prevailing at the time.

(c) That notices in English and Chinese be prominently posted warning all passengers of the dangers and consequences of currying goods on board which are likely to affect the safety of life and the vessel.

(d) That the various searching units be instructed to keep a sharp watch on the nature of both passengers' baggage and cargo, and if in doubt report the matter to the Master of the vessel and also to their respective superiors. Furthermore, that where baggage is concerned the search should be carried out at the entrance to the wharf and before passengers are admitted to the wharf.

(e) That clear passageways at least 3 ft. wide be at all times maintained fore and aft on both sides of the passenger deck, and that all approaches to stairways and gangways be kept clear.

We deprecate the long established custom of passengers being allowed to spread their baggage over the deck, but we realise the impracticability of suggesting they be separated from what, in many cases, may constitute their entire possessions by insisting that their baggage be placed in a separate compartment.

In conclusion we wish to place on record our high appreciation of the excellent work done by Inspector Arthur George Groves of the Hongkong Police and his unit, ably assisted by Revenue Officer Sui Hin Yit and his men, for their early efforts to control the stampede and their ready assistance to those already in the water.

The action taken by the officers and men of the Water Police, and the use of searchlights by the Fire Floats, are also to be commended.

Hitch In Indonesia Political Settlement

Batavia, Feb. 13.—The start of the next stage in Dutch-Republican relations, after the truce agreement—negotiations for a political settlement—was delayed today as a result of a reported statement at Lake Success, which caused most unfavourable Dutch reaction here.

The Dutch representatives asked for a postponement of the meeting called for today of the negotiators' steering committee, which was to arrange the procedure for the main negotiations and co-ordinate the political negotiations generally.

Well-informed Dutch sources declined to continue the negotiations. The statement which caused the trouble was attributed in a report published here to a spokesman at Lake Success of the United Nations Good Offices Committee, which yesterday reported to the Security Council on the negotiations leading to the truce.

In it, the spokesman was reported as expressing the opinion that the Security Council would require the Good Offices Committee to continue functioning until the United States of Indonesia existed; that with its existence a settlement could be reached in two or three months, and that a plebiscite in the disputed areas would be held under the observation of the Committee, which "may very well become supervisory."

Plebiscite Claim

An official Dutch East Indies Government communiqué commented today that the Committee's task was to render good offices and nothing else. If it tried to do more, it undermined the confidence of either or both parties.

The spokesman was quoted as giving the opinion that in the

plebiscites in Java, Sumatra and Madura, 80 percent of the people in Republican-held territory would support the Republican Government.

The Dutch communiqué commented: "The Committee forgets that only after the restoration of law and order can a clear picture of the situation be formed."

The spokesman was reported to have said that the Committee had been compelled to make contacts with autonomous areas outside Java, Sumatra and Madura, and "would become a Good Offices Committee for those territories as well."

Plebiscites would decide whether or no these areas were under "puppet government," the spokesman is reported to have told a questioner.

Dutch Reaction

The Dutch communiqué, in its comment, described this suggestion of plebiscites as "most improper," adding that those territories were completely outside the Committee's terms of reference.

"If the statements were really made," the Dutch communiqué added, "it must be remarked that there are serious misapprehensions on the part of the Good Offices Committee in respect of its task, its competence and the factual situation in Indonesia."

Authoritative circles said here today that Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, the Lieutenant Governor General, is expected to broadcast on Monday on the provisional Federal Government of all Indonesia. He is expected to announce details of a new proposed structure for the Government and the names of some of the Ministers of the Interim Federal Cabinet, which he is expected to head.—Reuter.

Sino-Soviet Pact To Be Extended

Nanking, Feb. 13.—The Social Welfare Daily reported today that China and Russia have agreed to extend for two years their non-aggression pact, scheduled to expire on August 21.

The newspaper, whose owner attended a closed meeting of the People's Political Council, said this was disclosed by Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh in a speech.

A Foreign Office press release of Wang's statement to the Council contained no reference to the Sino-Soviet pact.—Associated Press.

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SWISS-HUNGARIAN SPLIT BREWING

Berne, Feb. 13.—Hungary has threatened the Swiss Government with a break in diplomatic relations and with reprisals because of the arrest of a Hungarian journalist on charges of spying, usually well-informed sources here said today.

The journalist, Ladislav Tarr, of the Hungarian official news agency, the MTI, was arrested by the Swiss police on January 12.

It is understood here that M. Imre Oltvány, the Hungarian Minister to Switzerland, who was summoned to Budapest last month to report on the arrest, will not return to Berne for the present.—Reuter.

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